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## IN THIS ISSUE

The cup is full with blessings for God's people, not only for Eleanor Weisenburger as she describes her first experiences as a missionary in the Cameroons, but also for Leona Ross in her great ministry in China. That is the joy of everyone who is a member of God's family, as can be clearly seen in Professor Krueger's article. You will even be aware of that by another look at the front cover picture and by reading the reports of young people's assemblies. That, too, is the theme of the Rev. John E. Hasel's sermon with its challenge for an outspoken witness for Christ!

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**The Pastors' Conference** — Several illustrated pages will be devoted in the next number to the first denominational and wonderfully blessed Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wis., with almost 200 ministers and laymen in attendance.

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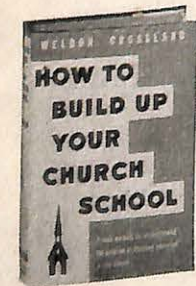
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# EDITORIALS

• Martin L. Leuschner

## Summer Assemblies at Their Best

THE TONIC for spiritual discouragement is a visit of a few days to one of our many young people's assemblies. These uplifting gatherings are the heartbeat of our denomination, revealing the present spiritual glow in our churches and giving promise of our church leadership in days to come. This summer the assemblies have been at their best, for which there is great rejoicing before the throne of God!

The attendance at most of the gatherings has been extraordinarily large. Crowds of 150 to 200 young people are now the general rule rather than the exception. The front cover picture shows one of several young people's assemblies in the Dakota Conference area. Several new assemblies met for the first time this summer. The Canadians held three important assemblies during the third week of July in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. A number of young people's groups have bought or hope to purchase their own camp grounds. These are outward evidences of increasing success in the preparations for inspiring, well organized gatherings.

But the greatest proof that the assemblies are at their best must always be found in the spiritual life of the young people. There will always be youthful banter and playful mischief at these summer events, and someone is bound to be an exception to every rule. There are also some areas where the fires of a spiritual awakening still need to be kindled. But in general, this past summer has written the record of amazing spiritual fervor and earnest concern of our young people for the things of God.

There have been hundreds of young people who have taken their stand for complete surrender to Jesus Christ in response to an urgent altar call. These decisions were not made as the result of any mass movement of the entire audience to the front but in the fiery crucible of each individual's soul. Scores of young people have dedicated themselves for full-time Christian service as pastors or missionaries. At every assembly the leaders have frequent conferences with young people who are ready or eager to go to some mission field. With fields that are white to harvest, the laborers among us are far more than sufficient. Isn't this reason for great rejoicing?

Equally heartening is the recognition of stewardship in the hearts of these young people. Their adoption of new mission projects is reaching staggering heights. Even the children at the Scripture Memory Camps are eager to lay their contributions upon the altar of Christ for missionary service.

Many of the assemblies have a full program of study. There is only a limited time for recreation, and that is well planned and supervised. Study courses are followed with textbooks, examinations and the granting of credit certificates. A serious concern for the needs of the world has become a real burden of the soul for many of these young people.

We can thank God for these young people in our churches. Generally speaking, they are a hopeful and promising group. At least, those who attended this summer's assemblies helped to make them youth gatherings at their best!

### BIBLE TEXT

"But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Faith is a gift of God. It is a gift that makes us rich in blessings and more privileged than the angels. We speak of the shield of faith. By faith we are not only justified unto eternal life and reconciled with God but we are also "able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Faith enables us to live on the plane of the unseen things by the eternal truths of God. By faith we can see and appropriate these heavenly gifts. The exercise of faith is always the will and decision of the individual soul. But let us never forget that the shield of faith has been placed in our hands by God as his gift of grace and his divine power for victory.

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### THE ANCHOR OF HOPE

Hope is the anchor of life. There is no more abject picture of life than someone without hope. For such a person there is nothing for which to live. The purposes of life have been swept away. These are the good tidings of the Gospel that a man is anchored to Christ Jesus through faith in him as Lord and Savior. He is the Rock of Ages, a shelter in the time of storm, a strong and mighty anchor.

"We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
Fastened to the Rock that cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love."

Christ is that anchor of the soul who gives assurance to the abiding certainties of life and to the deep convictions of our soul.

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### THE PEARL OF LOVE

But love is the greatest of all! Love is the pearl of great price. Love takes us to Calvary and shows us that Christ died for the sins of the world. Love takes us to the throne of God and assures us that nothing shall ever separate us from this love of his in Christ Jesus. Love takes us to the heart of the Christian faith and hope, for without love "it profiteth me nothing." In love we confess our faith in Christ. By love we demonstrate our confession of faith. Through love our characters are forged in the fires of life. Because of love we are heirs of the heavenly Kingdom. In the Presence of HIM who loved us and gave himself for us, all we can say is: "Lord, thou knowest that I love thee!"

# The Secret Disciple

A Remarkably Instructive Study of Joseph of Arimathea and of Many Present-day Lives by the Rev. JOHN E. HASEL of Cincinnati, Ohio



Rev. John E. Hasel, Pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"AFTER THIS Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. So he came and took away his body" (John 19:38, RSV).

Little is said about Joseph of Arimathea who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly. It is known that he was a rich man of honorable estate and a member of the Sanhedrin. He was spoken of as a good and righteous man, seeking for the Kingdom of God.

But secretly he followed Jesus. This was the error and cause of conflict and failure in his inner life.

### A SUCCESSFUL MAN

After Judas had betrayed Jesus and Jesus had been crucified, Joseph of Arimathea boldly went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus. There is a notable touch that he himself took down the body of Jesus from the cross with the assistance of Nicodemus. They bound it in fine linens. Joseph, being a man of wealth, brought it to his new sepulcher in the garden near the crucifixion. There they laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone where man had not yet been buried, and a great stone was rolled against the door of the tomb—yet we know that the tomb could not hold the resurrected Christ.

This secret disciple of Christ was an educated and a capable man. Successful in business, he held one of the high offices of the Jews, a member of the council. Thus to be such a success, we can say he was a man with sound sense. And we are assured of this when he rightly sought the Kingdom of heaven through Jesus.

His mistake was that he failed publicly to confess Jesus before his fellowmen. He was in conflict between conforming openly to Jesus' call to follow him or not openly conforming to Jesus' call.

Joseph was divided like the rich young ruler who wanted to have eternal life. This young ruler refused to give up his worldly possessions to follow Jesus, the requirement necessary to become a full-fledged disciple of Jesus. Joseph, like the rich young ruler, was divided within himself as if he were two people or two selves.

One self conformed to the Jewish law and his status on the Jewish council. The other self followed Jesus, believing in him as Lord and Master.

These two selves within him were in conflict, for he was trying to be loyal to Jesus and at the same time to follow the Jewish traditions of the Scribes and the Pharisees.

### INNER CONFLICT

He is a picture of inner conflict for the thing which he most desired in his life. He did not have the will with which to take a public stand, that of following Jesus. In his life at the time he was living in a well-protected and sheltered class; but he did not want to be bound down by this system of Jewish law. But he was bound because of what his brethren would say if he accepted this Nazarene—this Jesus. Still on this level of living he was unhappy, for he secretly followed Christ, and traveled by night to be with him. His secrecy caused him to suppress his best self in following Christ. Thus he was forced to live below the ideal of his life.

Joseph of Arimathea had a double personality. His life was divided between two selves, seeking expression within himself. This is conflict because two selves cannot exist within oneself. Two personalities cannot exist within one person without causing turmoil and conflict. In his life one predominated over the other. The dominating personality is the one he did not want to be. Thus the personality that he wanted to be in Christ was suppressed and kept secret. Oh, what confusion! Man suppressing his better self!

Let us look at this man in the role of following Christ, for he believed and hoped in him. We can see him at night meeting with Jesus and his disciples, intently listening to the Master teaching, in full agreement with his Lord. Here he asked a question and was enlightened in his faith by the answer. Then as the group dispersed, Joseph quietly and secretly made his way home.

Then one night Jesus was betrayed and taken prisoner by the Jews and put on trial. Joseph of Arimathea did nothing to defend his Lord but deserted him with the twelve disciples. He was absent from all of these trials. Thus Jesus was crucified.

### HIS BETTER SELF

After all of this, the better self in Joseph of Arimathea took a stand for the Lord in whom he believed for he inwardly had not consented to the purpose and the deed of the Jews, the crucifixion of Jesus. Outwardly he did

nothing. After Jesus had died on the cross, he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus that he might give him a decent burial, using his own special tomb, hewn out of rock, the best tomb in all Jerusalem.

Little is heard of this secret disciple after this noble deed; he came too late to help his Lord. He was not a soul-winner after the resurrection, like the other disciples. Perhaps that was below his station and dignity. Joseph of Arimathea's better self is lost forever, crushed by the society in which he lived—for he continued to conform to the Jewish way. He continued as a dignitary on the Jewish council, and died—a forgotten man.

But in his life was the impulse to follow Christ. He was a divided and a suppressed man because he did not let go of his worldly security of old friends and religious politics. These overcame him and weighted him down. He was too weak within to throw off the tyranny of his age, to be a public disciple of Christ. We could say such a man with Christian convictions and too weak to put them into practice was a miserable man. He was a double man in one, and lost to his true self in Jesus Christ.

### A SOUL'S CONVERSATION

Can you see Joseph of Arimathea in this state of confusion? His best self speaks, "To be or not to be—that is the question! Confusion of confusions! What shall I do? I want to follow Christ. I choose him!"

Then his other self speaks, "I can't, I can't! The people—my friends—what will they say? They will think I am mad! Beside myself. I just can't—it costs too much—and my family, what would they say? Oh, no, no, I could not openly confess him!"

Then his better self speaks, "But I

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A Big, Happy Family of Christian Young People in Attendance at Alberta Tri Union Assembly at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Canada in July 1945.

# The Church as the Family of God

The Third Article in a Series on the Church of Jesus Christ  
by the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

THE SIGNIFICANCE of the church is set forth in several striking analogies: the Body of the Lord, the Bride of the Lord, the Temple of God. Let us not forget that it is also called the Family of God. In Ephesians 3:15 Paul says, "Of whom (Christ) the whole family in heaven and earth is named." The fine thing about a family is its "togetherness," its fellowship.

More than a score of words in the New Testament combine the idea of "together" with another concept, that is, walk together, work together, witness together, suffer together, eat together, travel together, bear together, gather together, rest together, grow together, die together.

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

The word, "koinonia," translated "fellowship" or "communion" in the New Testament, is a key word in this remarkable book. The word, "fellowship," has an interesting history. The Anglo-Saxon designated common property as "felag," from which we have fee, fellow, fellowship. In German the word for cattle is still Vieh (fee). When men had no cash they paid in kind for service a fee. Even in our day we heard of a man who gave the minister a pig for marrying him. A year later he said he would give him ten pigs if he could "unmarry" him.

The early church had true fellowship since it shared in property and poverty, things which are not easy to share. But the word "koinonia," fellowship, stood for just that. They shared their bread; they were true companions. "Companion" means simply bread-fellow, not bed-fellow, but one with whom you share your bread. But the early Christians shared not only joys and sorrows in the physical realm;

they shared in the Gospel, and in the things of the Spirit. Paul spoke of the fellowship of Christ's suffering.

A church of true Christians lives together after the pattern of a family. God is the Father of all as Creator in general. He is more particularly the Father of those who are born of his Spirit. Jesus is not ashamed to call us his brethren. "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father in heaven, the same is my brother, my sister, and my mother." Will you think of your own local church as a family of God? The regular activities of the family can well be observed in the family of God.

## WE WALK TOGETHER

As a family we walk together, at least, we used to do so in days of old. There is not much walking done today. Some families still have the happy experience of driving together in an automobile on the way to church, to a picnic, or on a vacation tour. Many of these experiences go down in memory as the days of real joy.

As members of a church we walk together in love in the sense that we belong together, have a common purpose, go in the same direction. We have the same manner of life. We walk not after the flesh. We walk in newness of life. We walk in faith. We walk in wisdom. We walk circum-spectly, as children of light. We walk in the light as he is in the light. We walk so as to please God.

How happy parents are when the child takes his first step alone! John reported happiness on hearing that his children in Christ were walking in the truth. Our heavenly Father too is happy when he observes us walking in the straight and narrow path. Unfortunately, there are members of this family of God who lose their sense of

direction and stray away from the family home.

Observers have been amazed at the sense of direction of the eel. These marvelous creatures come from every river and pond in Europe and the American waters to the southern tip of Bermuda where they dive to abyssal depths, breed and die. The young start back to ancestral homes and never make a mistake. No American eel has ever been found in European waters. Nor have European eels been caught in American waters. When mature the cycle starts again. Cats, dogs and horses can find their way home, but when sheep are lost, they are just lost, and need a shepherd. Is it any wonder Jesus compared the family of God to a flock of sheep!

## WE WORK TOGETHER

As a family of God we work together like an old fashioned family in which everyone works, including father. Mr. Little, the father of a big family, being asked how they managed, replied, "Every Little helps." The farm family has an ideal opportunity for working together. In the ideal church family you all work together for the same purpose, no matter with what organization your activity is placed. The object is to advance the Kingdom of God, to make Jesus Christ known in a world that is rapidly running away from him. The world does not want a Savior; it wants to save itself. It will have to learn by the bitter experience of moral bankruptcy how ineffective self-salvation is. The church family unites its efforts back of any worthy cause. Is it a matter of raising the church debt? All the organizations get under the lead. Is it an evangelistic campaign? All forces are united to win people for Christ

and his Kingdom. Or do you not have that family-cooperation-loyalty in your church? No other road leads to victory.

## WE WATCH TOGETHER

As a family of God we watch together. We are living in a dangerous world. We were a long time in becoming auto-conscious. Many did not acquire it soon enough to save their lives. Today every little child looks both ways before crossing the street. But spiritually not all are watching their step any too well. The most careless and reckless even resent being warned. In my forty-eight years as a minister I have found warning advice not always welcome.

A flock of Rooks or Cockatoos always has a sentinel perched on a high tree where he can overlook the whole field. As soon as danger approaches he gives the warning cry. Every bird believes the sentinel and away they go. No chance for the hunter! But it seems the old minister might as well save his breath today. Everybody is so wise; everybody knows how to run his life. But so many put an "I" into the "run" and make it ruin. But we are a family of God and we do watch over each other. Paul did that with tears.

## WE WAIT TOGETHER

As a family of God we wait together. How the family waits when some member fails to return in due time! How anxious my mother used to be when father did not return when expected. Mothers, wives, and sweethearts are still waiting for war prisoners to return. The family of God is awaiting the return of the elder brother. There are many divergent opinions, interpretations, and timetables about his return. But — we do all agree that history is not going to bungle along forever and ever without a climax.

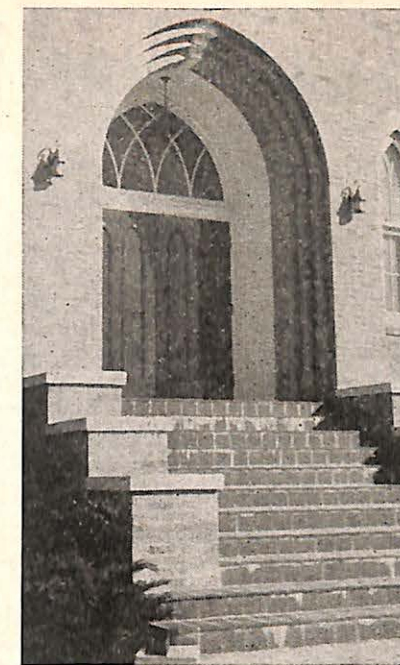
How can God bear with this wicked world? How can he permit cruel men to have their way in the slaughter of millions? Shall right forever be on the scaffold and wrong forever on the throne? No, no, a thousand times no! The family of God is waiting for his triumph. "My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that wait for the morning." But we do not sit waiting with our hands folded. There is work to do while we wait.

## WE WEEP TOGETHER

We also weep together.

"We share each other's woes,  
Each other's burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear."

All true members of the family of God share each other's sorrows. As the joy of one is the joy of all, so too the sadness of one is the sadness of all. It is devilish to rejoice over the



The Entrance to the Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas

defeat of another. Our family love makes us tender hearted toward all.

As a family of God we worship together. The old family worship served

as a channel of blessing. Breakfast over, every member of the family had his Bible to read his passage in turn round and round until the chapter would be finished. Then father offered prayer, or called on mother or on one of the older children. We were all ready for the struggles of the day. How our lives were enriched by family worship.

We regarded the old music teacher and organ salesman, who stayed at our house one night, as a kind of godless man. Some of us were not so happy about the family worship that morning. But even Bob Ingersoll could not have prevented father from going through with it. Though Mr. X. did not understand German, he knelt down with us and then surprised us all when we arose from our knees by saying, "How beautiful that was."

There is beauty in family worship, in the worship of the family God. That experience should reach its highest peaks when the family is gathered around the table of the Lord in commemoration of his great love-deed in which he gave his life for his brothers and sisters. That love for us calls forth our devotion to him and our love for the brethren. How good it is to belong to the family of God!

## The Secret Disciple, Joseph of Arimathea

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believe in him! My hope is in him! He is my all! Oh, what can I do? What can I say?"

His forse self speaks again, "Though you believe in him, you'll say nothing and you'll do nothing!"

Conflict of conflicts! Openly to follow Jesus Christ or secretly confess him as Lord!

There are many in the world today who are secret disciples of Jesus. They, too, believe in him as the coming One of God—the Messiah. But they have never openly confessed him and do not openly serve him. They, too, if they truly love him in heart and mind are divided and in conflict.

What a Christian announcement it would be to the world if this force of secret disciples would openly confess Jesus to the world and serve him! Gandhi said Jesus was the greatest man in all time and followed his Sermon on the Mount and gave it to his people. India's livelihood would have been transformed in a far greater way if Gandhi had stood for Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

There are many in the world who believe in Jesus and yet they do not have time or they will not take time openly to confess him. Many who attend our Protestant churches are believers of Jesus, and yet they have not openly confessed him as Lord.

There are many in our Sunday Schools who come every Sunday to learn more about the Christian life—and we are thankful for them for it is important that

they learn Christian ideals. Are they not secret disciples of Jesus, having never openly confessed him, and unaware of the full joy in following Jesus?

Actually, what is going on in the minds and hearts of these people today? Ask yourself: Can the church fully help the secret disciple or the secret disciple fully help the Kingdom program through the church? Will these people be the firmest in their beliefs in the crowd and out in the world as secret disciples of Christ? No, they cannot! You cannot suppress Jesus in your life and serve him effectively.

These secret disciples of Jesus are in a similar position as that of Joseph of Arimathea. They are suppressing Christ in their lives. Many secret disciples are in conflict over this important matter. Others have suppressed him so much they have almost lost sight of their conviction of him. If you are a secret disciple of Christ—that is, if you believe in him and hope in him, and feel your sins are forgiven through him, won't you take this opportunity openly to confess him as Lord of your life? Openly to take Jesus as your Lord is the most significant confession you can make to your fellowmen.

Take Jesus today—for to serve him secretly is to divide your life between the world and Christ which will mean conflict and confusion, because you cannot serve God and the world at the same time.



# Christ's Co-worker in China

Missionary Experiences Along the China Road and in Chinese Villages

by MISS LEONA ROSS of Canton, China

MY, HOW TIME does fly! It has been quite some time since you last heard from me, and I know that many of you are anxious to get word from me here, and I do not wish to disappoint you. I can hardly realize that already I have been in China for six months.

It has not been as easy to get settled in Canton as I had hoped, and still I knew it would not be easy. But at last I have been able to secure suitable quarters and have moved into a house on June first. Friends in Hongkong had advised me from the start to stay there since much was to be done.

After staying for a whole month with Chinese friends, I went to the Basel Mission Home in Kowloon which is the British Leased New Territories across the bay from Hongkong, and on the mainland. Basel is a Swiss Mission Home, but they also take in other Protestant missionaries and the rate is reasonable and the atmosphere truly Christian.

## MISSIONARY BOAT

Here I remained until May 7th, when I came to Canton, since I still felt I should come to Canton. A missionary home had just been opened where I could stay while looking for a house. In March I had spent a week here trying to get a house, but nothing materialized.

Just prior to that I had spent two whole afternoons with a boat carpenter in Kowloon laying before him my plans for a boat with dimensions and details. He figured on the job and sent me his estimate by mail, which was well over \$1,000 in United States

currency. My idea was to move boat and all to Canton, and in that way really get there. Just about that time I was offered several houses for rent in Canton.

Realizing that, after all, boats built in Hongkong are suitable for the deep bay waters, but not really for the rivers in the Canton area, to say nothing of the even more shallow canals leading to the villages, I dropped the idea of building a boat in Hongkong, and especially since prospects of getting a house were then much brighter.

But not only did I secure an estimate for the building of a boat in Kowloon. That was a matter of only two afternoons' work. Basel Mission is located most conveniently at the foot of a range of mountains, so that on either side are many villages. Basel is also on a main road where four bus lines pass, with a stop right in front of the door. While many are within walking distance, the others are accessible by bus for 25 or 30 miles inland.

## GOSPEL TRACTS

The first thing I did was to buy about twenty thousand Gospel tracts, attractively printed on bright red, yellow, green and white paper, most of them with pictures to illustrate the heart of the message. There were over twenty kinds, dealing with such subjects as "The Two Roads," "The New Birth," "The Bible is God's Word," "Who is a Sinner?," "The Importance of the Gospel," "The Meaning of the Cross," and many others.

Each day I took three or four hun-

dred of a kind, giving them out on the bus or along the road. They simply went like hotcakes. Sometimes I stood in one spot while people came from all directions, young and old, rich and poor, men and women, school children with their teachers and street urchins in rags and covered with sores and filth, until one or two hundred had been passed out. Then they went on their way reading as they went, while I sent up a petition to the Lord of the harvest, that he might cause his Word to take root in their hearts.

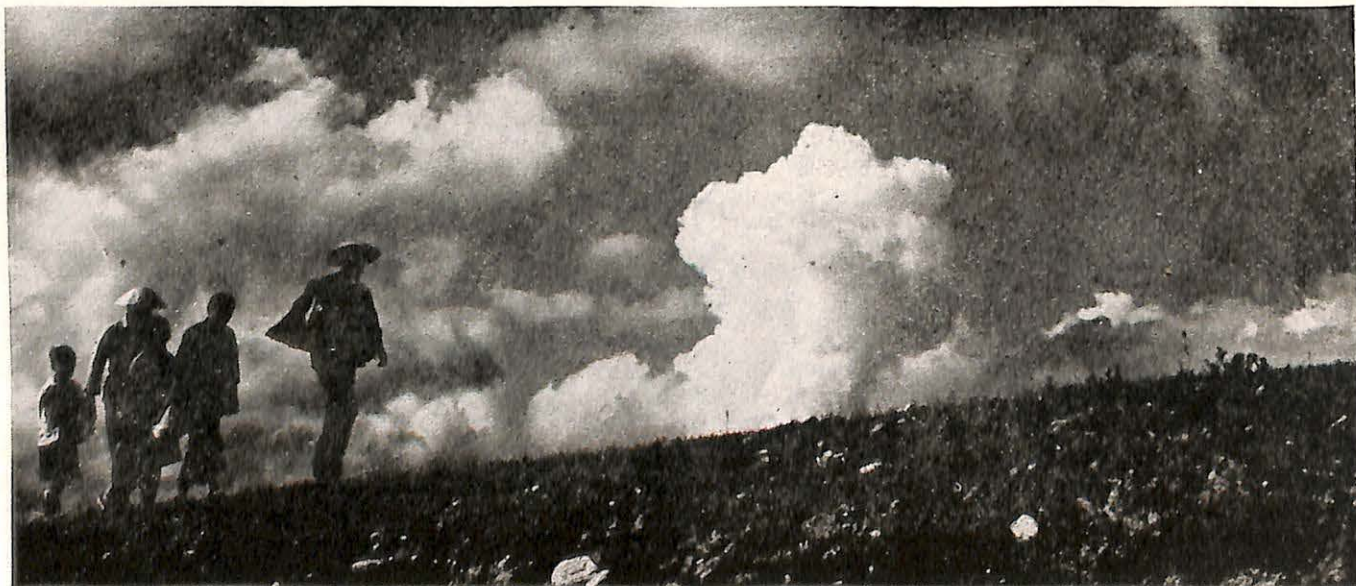
Sometimes my tracts went so fast that I had to hide them so that the people could not see them. After all, these tracts were my introduction upon arrival in the villages where I had meetings. As I passed them out the people would say, "What is this about?" Then I would just get started and that was all I needed to keep me going for hours, in fact, as long as I wanted to stay.

On one occasion I met a school teacher and his class, just leaving school. First, I handed one to the teacher who received it with both hands in polite Chinese fashion, and then each boy and girl, following his example, did likewise. Some, not realizing that I understood their language, said "Thank you" in English. English has become quite common.

## THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY

The foreigner is still an attraction, even in a city like Canton, strange as that may seem. During the Japanese regime most foreigners left, and though

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Storm Clouds Over the River at Duala, Cameroons (Left), One of the First Places to Be Visited by Our Missionaries; and Spiritual Clouds (Right) as African Jujus Play Calabashes With Holes in the Bottom to Accompany a Dead Girl Into the Life Beyond.

# "My Cup Runneth Over With Joy"

First Experiences in the Cameroons of Africa as Reported

by MISS ELEANOR WEISENBURGER, Missionary

"THE LORD is my strength and my shield, my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise him" (Psalm 28:7).

These words might well have been the theme of the great Harvest Feast held at the small village of Matengene in the Cameroons of Africa on June 13, just a little over a week after my arrival in the Cameroons. There was great rejoicing in the hearts of the natives as they gathered from the many churches for miles around to pray, sing and feast together as a token of their gratitude to God.

Needless to say, there was great rejoicing in my heart also. God had given me a safe and most pleasant journey to the land to which he had called me. The long trip across the ocean gave much time for reflection about the blessings of the past and the challenge of an altogether new experience awaiting me. The vastness of God's love seemed very real as I gazed at the depth of the sea and realized that the love of God is greater than all these.

## CLIMAX OF THE TRIP

I was initiated to Africa very gradually as we stopped at various ports before our final destination. The natives at all of these places seem to have absorbed a good deal of the evil of the European civilization that has touched them. However, it was very encouraging to attend native church services at Luanda and Matade. At both of these places the church was filled to overflowing with people who were seeking or had found the joy that only Christ can give.

The climax of the journey was the sight of beautiful Mt. Cameroons as we approached Victoria harbor and the end of my trip. Mrs. George Henderson, who met me at Lagos, had tried to prepare me for what I would see. It is impossible to describe in words the feelings one has as one sees for the first time the Bender Memorial Church with Mt. Cameroons in the background. The mountain seems to speak of the greatness and majesty of our God, and as the church bells ring out each morning to call the people to prayer, there peals forth a message that our great God is interested in every individual in this village and the regions beyond.

## MY OFFICIAL WELCOME

There are many outstanding experiences that crowd themselves into one's first days on the mission field. One such experience is the welcome service. My "official" welcome was given by the Victoria Baptist Church on Sunday, and they had a goodly number of natives to sing for the new missionary.

One cannot help but be moved deeply by the rather eloquent words of the welcome address. I will quote some of it for you: "We are earnestly praying and believe that by the help of the heavenly Father, and by the guidance of the Holy Spirit the Comforter, you will be a 'succourer of many' in the Cameroons."

Besides the "official" welcome, there were those that were much less formal and probably even more sincere. While we stopped at a small village on our way home from the services at Victoria, the choir from the church there came marching out to sing their wel-

come. In spite of a drenching rain they stood and sang song after song until "the mission lorry" was on its way again.

So I eagerly anticipated the great Harvest Feast at Matengene. Since this is the rainy season there was a possibility that the weather might interfere with the celebration. However, Sunday morning dawned bright and sunny and continued thus until the service was over, when we experienced the usual downpour of rain.

## THE HARVEST FEAST

When we arrived at Matengene early in the morning, we were greeted by the singing of several choirs, and a grand processional of school children marching and singing in perfect rhythm. As time went on, new groups from the different churches made their appearance, all singing and marching as they came.

The praise in the hearts of the people was expressed in the joyous look on their faces. The school children sang very fittingly as the opening number for the service,

"When my cup runneth over with joy, I find it easy to pray  
And to sing all the day,  
When my cup runneth over with joy."

Although the program lasted about three hours, there was a reverent and attentive spirit throughout. There were fine messages by various pastors and leaders, all given in both Duala and pidgin English so that everyone could understand. After each message there was a song by one of the choirs.

It was interesting to watch the reaction of the people as the new mis-

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# God's Glory Is Seen at Summer Gatherings

Reports of Many Young People's Assemblies and Inspiring Conferences

## The Iowa Young People's Convention at the First Baptist Church of George

The Iowa Young People's Convention was held at the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa from June 14 to 17.

Very challenging and inspiring messages were presented to us by Mrs. Lois Ahrens, missionary from the Cameroons; Dr. T. W. Bender from our Seminary; Rev. Wm. Jeschke of Sumner, Iowa; Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa; and Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Elgin, Iowa. A missionary symposium was held on Wednesday afternoon with Miss Ellen Lehr, Mr. Harold Birkholz and Mrs. Lois Ahrens participating.

Our project goal for \$2000 for a Cameroons dispensary was reached. The officers for the coming year are: president, Willis Potratz, Sumner; vice-president, Jess Knight, Steamboat Rock; secretary - treasurer, Floyd Schneiderman, George.

All those who attended the convention could say that they are closer to God and now feel his presence more because of the rich blessings received at the sessions. The prayer meetings preceding the services strengthened us all.

Ruth Krueger, Reporter.

## Highlights of the Dakota Conference Held With the Baptist Church of Avon, S. D.

The 40th annual Dakota Conference met with the Baptist Church at Avon, South Dakota from June 22 to 25. The conference was unusual in that it did not include a Sunday in its sessions. It opened on Tuesday evening and was brought to a close with the Friday evening service.

On the opening night the pastor of the church, Rev. Peter Geissler, extended a hearty welcome in the name of the Lord to all the delegates and visitors. Rev. Walter Stein, the moderator of the conference, responded with equally warm words of gratitude. During the days of the conference many favorable remarks were heard of the excellent way in which all were received at the conference by the Avon Church.

"CHRIST ... HIS CHURCH," was the theme of the conference. On the opening night Prof. George A. Lang brought the keynote address on the theme. His inspiring address struck the right note for the conference. The days that followed were days of spiritual feasting around the richly spread banquet tables of Christ, our Lord and Savior. Besides the highly inspiring messages of Prof. G. A. Lang, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, and Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, excellent addresses were given on various subjects by the following brethren: Reverends A. G. Rietdorf,

Jothan Benke, Fred J. Knalson, E. S. Fenske, Henry Hirsch, R. Kaiser, D. S. Wipf, Arthur A. Weisser, O. W. Brenner, and Arthur Fischer.

Under the able leadership of our moderator, Rev. Walter Stein, the business of the conference was taken care of in excellent harmony and unity of the Spirit. The results of the election of officers for the coming year are as follows: Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, moderator; Rev. H. Waltereit, statistician; Rev. C. T. Rempel, recording secretary. Members elected to the mission committee are Rev. Arthur Weisser and Rev. Henry Schroeder. The mission secretary is Rev. Arthur Fischer.

Two churches received the hand of fellowship of the conference. They are the North Side Baptist Church at Sioux Falls, South Dakota and the Calvary Baptist Church at Aberdeen, South Dakota. The mission offering taken on Wednesday evening amounted to approximately \$1318.

Otto R. Schmidt, Reporter.

## Session of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Avon, South Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Dakota Conference held its annual program at Avon, So. Dak., in the High School auditorium on Thursday evening, June 24.

The song service was conducted by Mrs. Lillian Egenaw. Scripture was read by Miss E. Westerman. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Fisher. Words of welcome were brought by Mrs. J. Juecht. The secretary's report showed 97 new members gained and 15 members lost by death. At present we have a membership of 1215. The total income of these 59 unions amounted to \$31,607.29.

The Bertsch-Venturia Union was awarded the banner, having earned 390 points. The Felicity - Venturia Union was second with 297 points. Herreid was third with 267 points. Two societies which joined the Union were the King's Daughters of Emery, So. Dak., and the Woman's Missionary Union of Selfridge, No. Dak.

Words of welcome were given to the new ministers' wives by the president, Mrs. W. Stein. Other numbers rendered were a solo by Mrs. F. Knalson; by Plum Cleek Union; reading by Mrs. H. Hoekman; trio by Avon Union; memorial service conducted by Mrs. H. G. Braun and Mrs. E. Fenske; duet by Mrs. A. Radel and Mrs. E. Gutsche; and solo by Mrs. E. Gutsche. Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., delivered an inspiring message concerning a full and consecrated service, followed by an impressive installation service welcoming the new officers. These are Mrs. W. Stein, president; Mrs. J. Kepl, vice-president; Mrs. E. Gutsche, secretary; Mrs. J. V. Terveen,

treasurer. Prof. George A. Lang followed with an inspirational message about missions.

The offering amounted to \$284.15 which will be divided evenly for the Cameroons mission, Fellowship Fund, Old People's Homes and Seminary.

Mrs. E. Gutsche, Secretary.

## Sessions of the Ontario Convention in July at the Lyndock Baptist Church

The Ontario Convention held its sessions from July 1 to 4 at Lyndock, Ontario. God granted us fair weather and good roads so that many of his faithful followers could gather together and worship him in spirit and in truth.

The general theme was based on "Love Will Never Die Out". On Thursday evening a hearty welcome was given by Rev. J. Kuehn, followed by the response by the chairman, Rev. C. Weisser. The opening sermon was based on the theme, "You Can't Prove It By Me".

The two morning devotions were led by the young people. On Friday morning, Miss Betty Kuehl of Killaloe was in charge, and on Saturday morning Mr. Henry Remus of Arnprior delivered his inspiring message. Both devotions were based on the general theme, "God's Love".

The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. C. Weisser, chairman; Rev. J. Kuehn, secretary; and Henry Remus, treasurer. The young people held their election of officers for the Young People's Convention: president, Gerald Kuehl; secretary, Lois Wilkie; treasurer, Mr. Warren Kuehl; and advisor, Rev. C. Weisser. There were two doctrinal papers, "God's Love to Man", given by Rev. A. Stelter, and "Man's Love to God" by Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

Mr. Dymmel, the General Missionary Secretary, was our guest speaker at this convention. He has had the privilege of being at our association for the second time. His inspiring talks and messages were greatly enjoyed by all his gallant listeners. His trip to Europe last summer and also his quiet devotions lighted a new light in each believer's heart.

Special attention must be given to the site which our young people have purchased at Round Lake, Ontario. The purpose for this property is to erect a summer camp so that our young people can meditate on Bible study for two weeks or more during their summer vacation. May this venture of our youth be the leading of the Spirit of our Lord and in the future become a great spiritual help and blessing to all.

Our mission offering of the convention amounted to the sum of \$227.74. This sum of money was designated for the general mission fund.

Gerald Kuehl, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference at the Immanuel Church of Portland, Oregon Has Unique Theme

The Pacific Conference convened with the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland from June 16 to 21. Because of more spacious accommodations, the sessions were held in the Temple Baptist Church nearby. The weather was fine and the spirit of fellowship commendable. The hospitality and friendliness of the host church to the guests and delegates were much appreciated by all in attendance.

The conference theme, "The King's Highway" (Isa. 35:8), was timely and captivating, as well as practical and inspirational. It was indeed a delight for all those present to travel along this highway from "The Starting Point," which was ably presented by the Rev. Emmanuel Wolff of Salt Creek, and which is none other for the Christian than the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ, to "The Journey's End," so beautifully presented by the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim that it made old and young alike homesick for heaven. Truly we were all inspired so to travel each day that our pilgrimage will end "in the land that is fairer than day."

Every phase of the journey and all the equipment necessary to travel on the King's highway were ably discussed by ministers from the various churches. Beginning with "The Main Highway" itself, which is Jesus Christ, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, by the Rev. Rubin Kern, we encountered "Detours and Blowouts," which are the pilgrim's lot, by the Rev. Alfred Foll. "Tour Aids" were made manifest to us by the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, and we fully realized the need of "The Traveler's Equipment" through the Rev. J. R. Kimmel. We "Viewed Places of Interest" (our denominational accomplishments) with the assistance of the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and learned much about "Consulting the Map" from the Rev. F. W. Bartel. As we viewed the "Scenery Along the Way" with the Rev. Henry Barnett we lifted our eyes to "the fields ripe unto harvest" and received a burning compassion for lost souls. The Rev. W. C. Damrau led us to see our need and also the great opportunity we have of "Replenishing our Resources."

The "Pilgrim's Communings" at the beginning of each day brought refreshment and strength to each pilgrim as we sat at the feet of Jesus in meditation and prayer. Truly we were made "to lie down in green pastures and were led by still waters," so that our Christian lives were deepened and enriched. Also, at "The Hour to Dine" just before the noonday meal, we richly feasted on God's precious Word and promises and accepted his own gracious invitation to "Come and dine" and feed our souls with the manna of life.

It was our special privilege to have with us Dr. William Kuhn, who, in his own unique and forceful way, spoke on "Building New Roads" and presented the Million Dollar Offering in its connection with the different phases



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl  
North American Baptist Pastors in Attendance at the Pacific Conference Held at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

of our denominational work. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, our Training Institute representative, gave the message at the young people's program on Sunday afternoon.

Friday evening the women presented a fine program with Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, in charge. Mrs. Otto Roth gave a message of welcome, and each society in the conference responded with an appropriate number. Dr. Kuhn gave the address of the evening and spoke on "Ministering unto Jesus." Truly, our women are to be commended for their faithfulness and untiring ministry unto Jesus in their own respective churches, in the preparation of supplies for our missionaries and in relief work for the unfortunate in Europe.

Even the business sessions were not dull or monotonous as they were ably led by our conference moderator, the Rev. P. G. Neumann. From our church letters we observed notable progress in our churches and rejoiced over precious souls brought to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Immanuel Church young people sponsored an outing to Larch Mountain on Saturday afternoon. About 150 people enjoyed this beautiful drive along the Columbia River Highway and then wended their way up the mountain and were rewarded with a wonderful view of the handiwork of God. A delicious picnic supper was served before the group dispersed for the evening.

Not only did all those attending the conference rejoice over the privilege of traveling "The King's Highway," but they were inspired to walk more worthily and to win many others from the highway of self and destruction to the highway of light and life.

Emma M. Schifferer, Reporter.

## Visit by Dr. George Lang and Brotherhood Meeting at St. Joseph, Michigan

We of the First Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich., count it an honor and a privilege to have had in our midst recently Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y. Dr. Lang was here for the ordination service on Saturday, June 5, of one of our members of whom we are justly proud, Mr. Dale Chaddock.

Again it was our privilege to hear Dr. Lang at the morning worship service on June 6th. Truly, his presence and his message were an inspiration to all in attendance at these services, and we look forward to his coming again with keen anticipation. Sunday evening we had the distinct pleasure of hearing the newly ordained pastor, Rev. Dale Chaddock, who had just previously graduated from the seminary at Rochester. Prior to entering the seminary at Rochester, Dale studied at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago for his preliminary work.

Another important social event has come and gone. Annually the Brotherhood of the church holds a Lake Trout Fish Fry, at which time the women of the church are guests. For some reason the fish seemed more delicious this year than at any time before. Feature of the evening's program was the showing of slides of sections of various islands of the Pacific after our forces had made their assaults. Mr. Ralph Washburn of Benton Harbor was the photographer of the slides as well as projectionist. Mr. Dan Pschigoda, chairman of the program committee, arranged the program. Social chairman in charge of the delicious meal was Mr. Herbert Seel.

A. B. Abraham, Reporter.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Otto R. Schmidt has recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Fessenden, North Dakota to be effective on August 15th. Mr. Schmidt has enrolled in the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School of Berkeley, Calif., where he will begin his studies late in August. Mr. Schmidt has served as pastor of the Fessenden church since early in 1947.

● The Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas since 1945, presented his resignation on Sunday, June 20. The resignation has been accepted and became effective on August 1st. Mr. Abel's plans are still indefinite for the future. He is prayerfully awaiting the guidance of the Lord's will and the call of one of the denomination's churches.

● Mr. Isadore Faszer, a Senior student in our Rochester Seminary, is serving the three churches of Golden Prairie, Rosenfeld and Annenthal, Saskatchewan, Canada for the three summer months. Two of the churches greeted Mr. and Mrs. Faszer warmly with programs and gifts in food supplies. This is a large mission field which has been without a regular pastor for some time.

● During the Sundays of July "special days" were observed by the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, New York with the Rev. O. E. Krueger, pastor, preaching on appropriate themes. July 4 was observed as Patriot's Day, July 11 as Youth's Day, July 18 as Parent's Day, and July 25 as the Lord's Day. The response of members and friends of the church was most gratifying.

● On Friday, June 11, a large number of friends gathered at the Baptist Church at Gackle, No. Dak. An informal program of songs, readings and messages was given by several members of the Alfred and Gackle Churches and Sunday Schools as a farewell to the Rev. R. A. Klein and family. Cake, ice cream and coffee were served. The Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Klein and family have moved to Aberdeen, So. Dakota.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, New Jersey has extended a call to the Rev. Robert W. Cook, pastor of an interdenominational mission in Philadelphia, Pa. for the past five years. He is a graduate of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary



Mrs. Lois Ahrens, Cameroons' Missionary from Tacoma, Wash., and Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Pastor-elect of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., at the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown, North Dakota.

of Philadelphia and was ordained to the Baptist ministry. He and his family have moved into the parsonage at 103 Peterson St., Jersey City 7, New Jersey, and Mr. Cook began his pastorate on Sunday, July 25th.

● A Vacation Bible School was held during the first week of June by the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, So. Dak., with 24 children enrolled. The teachers were Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzman and Mrs. C. Henry Schweigert. During the following week 18 children attended the Vacation Bible School held at the Selfridge mission station. Mr. and Mrs. Sootzmann taught all the classes at this school. Closing exercises were held at the respective churches on successive Sunday evenings.

● The Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Mich., is spending the summer months in Europe. He went by plane to Glasgow, England from Montreal, Canada on July 5th. From London he went to Berlin, Germany and later attended the sessions of the first assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam, Holland from August 22 to Sept. 5. He also attended the summer school at the University of Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland. He hopes to return to the United States early in September.

● On July 9th Mrs. Walter Stein of Ashley, No. Dak. organized a Ladies'

Mission Society at the newly organized Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, So. Dak. The total membership of the society now is seven. Election was held on the same day and the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. Klein, president; Mrs. J. Ehman, vice-president; Mrs. C. Schauer, treasurer; Alice Fischer, secretary. The report stated: "Although we are as yet a small group we are looking forward to accomplishing great things in God's Kingdom."

● Twenty-one young people between the ages of 12 and 15 attended the New England summer assembly at Madison, Conn., for a ten-day period in July. The Rev. Alfred Weisser of New Haven, Conn., taught a class on "The Life of Paul" and the Rev. G. Friedenberg of New Britain, Conn., on "Who We Are and What We Do as Baptists." The Rev. August Lutz of Meriden, Conn., served as dean of the assembly and taught a handwork class. The cottage belongs to the New England Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union.

● The Rev. Frederick J. Berger of Los Angeles, Calif., has been appointed dean of the San Francisco Bible College, San Francisco, Calif. Mr. Berger is widely known in our circles. He is a nephew of the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif. His wife is the former Lois Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif. He is a graduate of Stanford University and of the Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa. He served as head of the mission work among the Jews of the Los Angeles City Mission Society before being appointed to the faculty of the San Francisco Bible College.

● Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke, widely known in our circles, is now serving as the dean of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and as a teacher on the staff of Tennessee Temple College, located at Chattanooga, Tenn. The enrollment for the school at the close of the last semester was 500. The college offers two years of standard college work and a two-year course of Bible School training. The seminary grants Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Religious Education degrees to those students who have completed the required work.

● The First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has extended a call to the Rev.

G. G. Rauser, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon since 1946. He has responded favorably and has announced that he will begin his ministry in Lodi on Sunday, Sept. 12. The First Baptist Church is one of two of our churches in Lodi; the other being the newly organized Temple Church which is building a new edifice at present on the west side of town. Dr. A. S. Felberg, who was formerly pastor of the combined churches of Lodi, has been appointed to the faculty of our seminary at Rochester, N. Y.

● On Saturday, July 3, Mr. Vernon Link of Olds, Alberta, a Rochester Seminary student, and Miss Marguerite Sohn of Chicago, Ill., were married at the Belden Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago. Mrs. Link is a granddaughter of the late Rev. F. Friedrichs, pastor of the First Church of Chicago from 1912 to 1922 and author of a German book on "Baptist Principles." Mr. and Mrs. Link made an extensive tour of the Pacific Coast and the Canadian Rockies on their honeymoon trip before going to Olds, Alberta to Mr. Link's home, prior to the opening of the school term in Rochester, N. Y., September.

● Mr. Ed Link of Olds, Alberta, a middler student at our Rochester Seminary, served on the teaching staff of the Vacation Bible School at Forest Park, Ill., from June 14 to 25. The school of the Forest Park Baptist Church had an enrollment of 115 children. He also did considerable visitation work in the community for the church until July 13. From June 6 to 11 Mr. Link was the camp evangelist at the Mennonite-Baptist Camp at Camp Byron, South Dakota. On July 25 and August 1 he preached in the services of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta during the vacation absence of the pastor, Rev. H. Schatz.

● Mr. Walter Marchand of Cleveland, Ohio, who is well known among our churches for his participation in a Seminary quartet trip a number of years ago and for his services as director of the Seminary chorus over several years, was ordained into the Gospel ministry on May 24 at the Baptist church of Pittsford, New York. The Rev. Paul Wengel of Adrian, Mich., preached the ordination sermon. The Rev. Walter Marchand has also announced that he will serve the Pittsford Baptist Church in a full time capacity after serving it as student pastor for two years. (The editor of "The Baptist Herald," Mr. Leuschner, had the privilege of preaching in the pulpit of this church as its first student pastor from 1926 to 1928.) Mrs. Walter Marchand, the former Mamie Kose, received the Master of Arts degree from the University of Rochester in June.

## Central Dakota Youth Assembly

A Typical North American Baptist Youth Gathering as Pictured on the Front Cover and as Evidenced in This Colorful Report

By MISS CORENNE STADING, Secretary

THE WORDS, "Christ Challenges YOUth," echoed again and again on the campus of Jamestown College of Jamestown, No. Dak., during the five days ending July 4 as the Central Dakota Baptist Young People's Assembly again met at this beautiful place to be brought nearer to God. The assembly hymn for 1948, "Someone is Needing a Blessing," and the key verse, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12) helped to make real the challenge of the theme of this year's assembly as was clearly brought out by the dean, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, in his message on the opening night on Tuesday, June 29.

One hundred and seventy young men and women were registered. As Eureka had the largest percentage of mileage, they were awarded the picture of "The Last Supper." After the opening vesper on Tuesday evening, we were led by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner in a get-acquainted hour which consisted of games and special numbers by each of the 19 societies answering the roll call.

Leadership training courses taught were "Into All the World" by Mrs. Lois Ahrens, "Personal Factors in Character Building" by the Rev. Martin Leuschner, "Baptist Faith," by the Rev. H. J. Waltereit and a class for the Intermediates, "Growing in Bible Knowledge" by Miss Ann Swain.

Our missionary work in the Cameroons was brought very near to us by Mrs. Lois Ahrens who in her wonderful and enthusiastic way told us of many of her experiences there and explained slides shown at some of the after-services in the evenings. Interesting letters from Mrs. Ahrens' Christian friends in Africa were read to us during an assembly period. Other topics for such periods were, "How to Make Bible Reading Interesting," "How to Make Our Homes Christian," "How to Go Into All the World With Our Missionaries" by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, and "The Seminary Speaks" by August Bertsch and Walter Sukut.

On Friday evening we were given the privilege of broadcasting a one-half hour program over the air from the KSJB-Studio in Jamestown. The program featured the dean of the assembly, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke; presumably, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke; president, Miss Caroline Barbie, and guests of the assembly sent out by head-

quarters, Mrs. Lois Ahrens and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. Several selections were presented by the assembly choir under the direction of the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker and a quartet composed of the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Mr. August Bertsch, the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker and Mr. Milton Shauer. Mrs. Roger Coulton provided the accompaniments.

Entertainment at our banquet program on Saturday evening was under the able direction of our toastmaster, Ed Miller from Venturia. Topic of the program was "Our Debt to God." Later that evening we gathered around a campfire for the consecration service. Special speaker for the campfire meeting was the Rev. N. E. McCoy, radio pastor at KSJB, Jamestown, No. Dak.

Sunday morning was begun with the morning devotions followed by Sunday School and the morning worship service, at which the Rev. Theodore Frey brought the message.

"The Accent of Every Christian" was the topic of the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner's message to us at the closing services on Sunday afternoon. New officers were installed and given a word of appreciation and encouragement by our retiring Dean Wilcke. Newly elected officers are as follows: Rev. A. R. Weisser, Wishek, dean; Caroline Barbie, Bismarck, president; Esther Krombein, Eureka, vice-president; Corenne Stading, Hebron, secretary; LeRoy Schauer, Aberdeen, treasurer; Alma Kremer, Linton, editor of "The Assembly Journal;" Rev. C. T. Rempel, Venturia, recreational director; and Vernon Alf, Streeter, musical director. The newly elected dean, Rev. A. R. Weisser, responded to our departing dean with words of appreciation and sorrow at his departure from the Central Dakota Conference.

In response to the invitation by Mr. Leuschner, assembly officers joined the life-time workers for Christ in a semi-circle before the altar as a pledge to a more consecrated life to the cause for which Christ came to this earth. In the precious closing moments of this year's assembly we heard a letter from our own missionary in Africa, Eleanor Weisenberger. This was followed by three selections rendered by the "Singing Uncles," a quartet from Bethel College, Saint Paul, Minn., thus sending us back to our respective churches with renewed spiritual energy to keep us working for Christ until we can again meet for another assembly.





"Alaskan Scene" by William Zimmerman of Chicago, Ill.

## Land of Tomorrow

A Novel by CHARLOTTE KRUGER  
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### SYNOPSIS

Julianna Barrett, who had promised to go to Beaver Creek in the "Nushagak" decided to go with Steve Tedishoff in his boat so that she would not miss the Christmas celebration with her friend, Lydia Wilson, the school teacher. Then the two girls went hunting for a Christmas tree even though it looked like a bad storm was on its way. The "Nushagak" arrived at Willow just as the storm was falling thickly over the small village. Not finding the girls at home and learning of their hunt for a tree, the two men, Chris MacKay and Neal Jones, went looking for them. The girls were really lost! Nearly twelve hours had passed since they had started out early that morning. "O God, we need Your help," they prayed.

### CONCLUDING CHAPTER

A FEW minutes later, Lydia sat down wearily in the soft snow. "Julie . . . honestly . . . I can't go a step farther," she whispered. "I'm so tired . . ."

"Lydia! Lydia!" Julie shook her friend almost gruffly. "You've got to keep moving. You'll freeze if you stop moving . . . Lydia!" But Lydia refused to budge. She was exhausted.

The wind had let up somewhat, and Julie was more than grateful. At least they did not have to squint to keep the sharp, cold particles of snow and ice from blowing directly into their eyes.

She looked down at her friend crumpled in a heap in the clean white snow. For a moment, Julie felt as if she would like to curl up beside her. Nothing would be more welcome than

rest . . . sleep! But, no! She would go on! But what about Lydia? She couldn't leave her friend here. To drag her along would be humanly impossible. Julie's own legs and arms and back ached almost beyond endurance. If she were to leave Lydia lying there in the rapidly falling snow and stumble on alone for help, her friend would soon be snowed under . . . she would die! Lydia did not know the Savior as her own. No, Lydia wasn't ready to die! Lydia couldn't die!

"Dear Lord," prayed Julie, "send help . . . soon . . . soon . . . soon!"

With a strength not her own, the young missionary managed to drag her friend to the shelter of a large spreading spruce. It was dry there for the snow had not drifted down through the thick boughs.

Julie knelt on the thick carpet of fragrant needles, and again pleaded with the Lord for help . . . before it was too late. Lydia seemed to have fallen asleep, utterly weary.

As she crawled out from the shelter into the open, Julie could scarcely believe her eyes. A circle of light seemed to dance and waver at the edge of the spruce forest! Was she seeing things? Or was it actually a light? In her excitement, she cupped her hands and shouted a loud "Yoo-hoo!" Was it only an echo? Or was someone answering her call? She listened . . . expectantly. The falling snow was so

heavy that it deadened sounds, as did her close-fitting parka hood. She pushed the hood back, cupped her hands and called again. This time she was sure she heard an answering call! Encouraged, she called again, and again, and again. Each time an answer came back. The circle of light seemed to be coming closer . . . closer . . . She did not dare stumble ahead to meet it because she wanted to be sure of the tree where her friend was lying.

"Dear Lord," she prayed gratefully, "I thank Thee for sending help."

Soon she saw several dark figures picking their way swiftly over the trackless white. Voices were calling her name and Lydia's! "Julie! Lydia! Where are you? Julie! Lydia!"

With joy, she recognized the voices of the men . . . Chris and Neal! They had come to look for them!

"Here we are! Here we are!" she answered as loudly as possible.

And then they had reached her side . . . Chris and Neal . . . and who was the third figure . . . the one holding the lantern? As in a dream, she saw tall Steve Tedishoff beside the others. Her heart wanted to shout for joy, while her knees threatened to collapse under her! Praise the Lord. They were found!

"Oh, how good to see you!" she cried. Then, with a supreme effort, she started toward the shelter of the

spruce. "Lydia had to rest a bit. She's over here." Her legs refused to carry her any farther. Without a word, she crumbled into the soft blanket of snow.

Strong arms . . . MacKay's arms . . . lifted her gently . . . tenderly . . . and carried her to the shelter of the tree.

"Thank you, Lord," whispered the tall young man from Wyoming as he lifted the precious burden and bore it beneath the spruce boughs. Praise and gratitude to God for answered prayer filled his heart, as he looked into the face of the girl in his arms. It was too much . . . too much . . . to find all this in one day! Not only had he found and been found of Julie's Savior, but he had found her, too! Thanksgiving and love welled up within him as he clasped his treasure to his heart.

It was June in the "land of tomorrow." The little coastal town of Valdez, lately clad in white, had donned a robe of emerald hue with polka dots of dandelion. Robins perched in alder and cottonwood were singing happy songs. Gulls were circling gracefully over the peaceful village. The many brooklets . . . glacier streams . . . were leaping and whirling and dancing on their way to the deep blue waters of the Bay. The sky was as blue as forget-me-nots.

Little Molly Tedishoff, her young heart singing, stepped from her brother Steve's boat. Steve had brought her into town so that she might attend the wedding of her beloved Bible teacher who was this day to become Mrs. Christopher MacKay! Steve looked rather handsome and proud as he strode up the long dock into town, at his side the former Walya Totemoff, his own bride of a few months.

So many wonderful things . . . yet sad things as well . . . had happened during the past months that Molly could scarcely believe they were true.

Four months had passed now since her grandfather had gone to be with Jesus whom he had met so late in life. Old Mike Tedishoff had slipped on the ice one February day and had broken his leg. The mailboat had chanced to be in, and the men had speedily taken him to town where he could be given proper medical attention. On the way they had stopped at Swanson's island. Molly still could not believe the wonder of it all . . . and Grandpa had found his daughter, her own mother, that day.

Joe Belkofski had been worried about his wife. She had injured her hand . . . it was swollen and had a strange look. He had begged Jones and MacKay to take her to town that day to the hospital. On the way, Mike Tedishoff had seen Walya down in the galley of the pitching "Nushagak." When he saw her at close range, he

## Cloud Across The Sun

By G. FRANKLIN ALLEE

THE NEW SERIAL STORY THAT WILL BEGIN IN THE  
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A cloud crept across the sun when Larry Brantwell, a young radio singer, gave his studio the message that meant he might never sing again.

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had recognized in this gaunt woman his own child, supposedly drowned eleven years before.

It had been a never-to-be-forgotten event. When Walya saw the face of her father, now much older and quite wrinkled, and heard his gruff old voice speak her name, something had awakened in her poor dull mind. Long ago she had been washed ashore clinging to a battered piece of skiff. She had accepted her new life on the fox island, and her former life had been forgotten. She had never been able to recall her background and had remained an unknown woman.

When Steve had learned of the discovery his grandfather had made, he had come to see his mother. There was something vaguely familiar about the face that lay on the white pillow . . . something he remembered even after these many years. He had been but a lad of eleven or twelve when she had disappeared. The years had effected a drastic change in the once full face of the present Walya Belkofski. Still there was something that stirred old memories . . . made him think of his boyhood days.

Walya's hand had reacted favorably to treatment. Mike Tedishoff's leg, too, had been healing nicely. However, he had contracted pneumonia and within three days had slipped quietly away from this old world in which he had known so much misery and sin. The last happy months would never be forgotten by little Molly who had once feared her drunken old grand-

father. Instead of returning to his humble cabin at Beaver Creek, the old man had been placed to rest beside his wife in the spruce-covered cemetery on the outskirts of the native village.

In April Steve had convinced attractive young Walya Totemoff that she should come to Beaver Creek and make a home for him there. They had been married and Molly had awaited her new "big sister" with eagerness. She had immediately found a warm place in the heart of her brother's wife.

In May, when school was dismissed, Molly had begged her brother to take her to the fox island to stay with her recently found mother.

"I have a new sister," she had explained simply, "and two brothers there . . . they never heard about Jesus at all . . . no one come to island to tell them. I want to live with them . . . tell them . . . show them my Book!"

Reluctantly, Steve had permitted his devoted little sister to leave him for the summer months, and had made her promise that she would return in September when the school-bell would ring again. With her heart full of fond hopes, she had left the familiar fields and hills of Beaver Creek for the first time in her life.

The native trio was approaching a lovely white chapel toward the center of town. Already people were gathering for the important event to take place in a few minutes. Everybody loved weddings!



They slipped inside quietly. Molly looked about her in awe and wonder. Everything was so lovely. Soft green ferns were arranged gracefully in a bower of beauty at the front of the little church. Timid columbine and regal delphinium peeped above the fragrant green. Someone was playing soft music. Then a young man stepped to the front of the chapel and began to sing in a rich tenor:

Jesus calls us, we must follow,  
Follow Him today  
Follow, we will follow Thee, our Lord,  
Follow every passing day  
Our tomorrows are all known to Thee,  
Thou wilt lead us all the way.

Molly was becoming impatient. This was all very lovely, but where was her beloved teacher? The man finished his song and sat down. The pianist continued to play delightful music. Suddenly, from somewhere near the front, she saw the familiar form of Chris MacKay step forth . . . yes, and there was Neal Jones, the skipper, too. My! Didn't they look nice all dressed up this way, their hair just so. An-

other young man was with them. He must be the minister, for he held a small black book in his hand. In another minute all the people stood up. Molly did, too, craning her neck to see what would happen next. From the back of the church, came Lydia Wilson, her schoolteacher, looking prettier than Molly had ever seen her. She was dressed in yellow brighter than the buttercups that were beginning to cover the fields back at Beaver. In her hands she carried a bouquet of the bluest blue forget-me-nots. A wreath of them was entwined in her soft brown hair. Molly's eyes glowed with admiration and her heart was filled with joy. She gave Walya's hand an excited squeeze.

And then . . . a short distance behind Miss Wilson . . . Molly spied her beloved Julianna Barrett! Oh, but she was far too lovely to describe today! Her dress was soft and white . . . billowy as clouds . . . whiter than the anemone blossoms that grew high on the mountain behind the schoolhouse. In her hands she carried a bouquet of starry daisies . . . whiter

than Alaskan snows . . . with hearts of pure gold. Above the lovely blossoms, her face was sweet and radiant. Molly's dark eyes drank in every detail, eagerly, lovingly.

Now her dear teacher was approaching the front of the church where the tall young men awaited her. Chris MacKay was smiling at her! Oh, what a smile it was! Molly watched it spread in all its warmth and love and admiration across that kind face. She suddenly felt so happy that she thought she could bear it no longer! She wished she could fly away!

And then the man with the book began to read in a clear, pleasant voice. As he read, Molly's wistful brown eyes gazed dreamily out of the window where a newly alive world, fresh and green, awaited. At that instant a gull, pure and white, flew gracefully into view, circled over the cottonwoods across the street, then began to soar . . . higher . . . higher . . . higher . . . into the heavenly blue. Molly's young heart too, had taken wings!

THE END

Christ's Co-worker in China

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most of the missionaries have returned, still even in Canton much interest centers around a foreigner. Possibly God intends it to be so, and this fact greatly increases our responsibility to get the Gospel out to China while the people are eager to hear. There seems to be a heart yearning deep down in the souls of these people, both in Kowloon and in Canton, after something really to satisfy them. Who can better do this than our Lord Jesus Christ? In fact, he who made the human heart alone can fill and satisfy it, for he made it for his own abode.

At first I went alone to the villages, but soon after my arrival in Hongkong, I was frequently asked to speak in evening meetings in some of the independent Chinese churches, which gave me contact with some lovely Christian Chinese people. In these meetings I stressed the importance of going into the highways and byways with the Gospel, emphasizing the fact that many villagers had not so much as heard of Christ.

Women began volunteering to go with me, until some eight were helping me, several going, at a time. Several of these were poor in health and to them I gave vitamin capsules which I had brought from America, with just such people in mind, knowing that during the war years they had been undernourished and were on starvation diet. The effect was most gratifying, and though the vitamins were expensive, they more than paid for what had been expended. Two of these women originally came from well-to-do families. They were a tre-

mendous help to me in Kowloon, and I miss them so much here where as yet I have not had a chance to make such contacts.

It is very hot these days, but after the scorching sun has gone down, many people are out walking along the roads after their evening rice. I live on the outskirts of the city, and along a road near here are some truck farms. Last night I went along that road to the little huts where their families live. But quite a few well-to-do Chinese homes here, away from the din of the city. Also there are hospitals and some schools in this vicinity. Consequently, there were also well dressed Chinese along the road from the privileged class.

But my interest was primarily with the farmers and their families. A great deal of interest centered around me as evidenced through remarks which I heard about me. Finally I began passing out tracts, and in no time at all a crowd gathered, not so much of villagers, but more of policemen, soldiers, students and — also farmers, all eager to receive the tracts.

When most of my tracts were gone, I took out a set of four posters, illustrating the story of the lost sheep. It is one of my favorites, and I am still fortunate enough to have that set along with many other Gospel posters now out of print, because they were carefully taken care of by Christian Chinese friends, while I was in America. There were also many songs written in large Chinese characters on white muslin and thousands of tracts rather yellow with age, but with the

message fresh as ever. So right from the beginning I was equipped and, knowing the language, could go right to work. Last night as I was telling this lovely story of the Shepherd and his lost sheep, city people as well as farmers listened with rapt attention. Women brought out chairs and insisted upon my sitting down, but I cannot sit down with a crowd gathered about me while I am presenting the story of redemption.

There are many villages on the outskirts of the city in all directions that can be reached by going to the end of the various bus lines. Even if I do not have a boat as yet, there is a great deal that can be done. It just seems to me that on every hand there is opportunity. Whether on buses or on the roads, the people eagerly reach for the tracts and begin to ask many questions. Friends, keep right on praying, as I witness here. I do thank God for keeping me in health and strength.

Wherever a Risen and Victorious Christ is presented to a lost world as man's one and only Savior from sin and eternal separation from God, a battle naturally ensues. Satan never takes a back seat without first putting up an awful struggle. But we are workers together with Christ, and he cannot fail. China thinks of herself as a huge tiger. She may be that, but she is a wounded and suffering tiger which needs your daily, intercessory prayers.

My address is now P. O. Box 141, Canton, South China, but should anyone want to send a parcel, please do not send it to Canton, as the duty is exorbitant. Address such c/o Basel Mission, 58 Taipo Road, Kowloon, Hongkong.

CHILDREN'S PAGE



Word Puzzles for Children

1. G . . . . is "Our Father in Heaven."
2. Noah's boat was called the A . . .
3. He took T . . . . of each kind of animal into it.
4. Joseph's brothers put him in a P . . . .
5. Joseph's father gave him a C . . . . of many colors.
6. Pharaoh dreamed of seven fat C . . . . and seven lean C . . . .
7. Joseph's hungry brothers came to Egypt to buy C . . . .
8. Moses heard a voice from the Burning B . . . .
9. The Tabernacle church was a large T . . . .
10. The last word in every prayer is A . . . .
11. John the Baptist preached at the R . . . . Jordan.
12. Daniel was thrown into a den of L . . . .
13. David killed the G . . . . with a stone.
14. Jesus died on the C . . . .
15. The Christmas angels sang, "P . . . . on earth."
16. Jacob dreamed of A . . . . on a ladder to Heaven.
17. Moses' mother put him in a B . . . . in the river.
18. The cradle of Jesus was a M . . . . filled with hay.
19. Jesus was baptized in the River J . . . .
20. Jesus had T . . . . disciples.

Answers to Word Puzzles for Children

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The Tale of the Flowering Magnolia

The dictionary says that a magnolia is "a handsome, sweet-scented flowering shrub." But this Magnolia was not a flower. She was just a little colored girl who lived way down South in Dixie. When Magnolia was only a tiny licorice-drop pickaninny her Mammy and her Pappy went to live with Jesus.

So her grandparents took Magnolia to their little one-room cabin. It had no windows and only one door. It had no lovely, bright-colored flowers growing about it. It hadn't even a single coat of paint to make it look white and clean. Indeed, it was really very shabby and dreary.

But Magnolia had never seen any finer houses and she was quite satis-



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl  
A Bottle of Coca Cola Tastes Grand to These Indian Children of the Umatilla Reservation Near Portland, Oregon.

fied. She rolled in the sandy soil under the big yellow sun when she was still a little baby. She helped pick cotton in the hot fields when she was older. And already she was beginning to grow into a big girl. It was high time she went to school and learned to read and write.

Her Grandpappy heard about a beautiful, shining school house where some white ladies from the North held a school for little colored girls. It was a long way off, twenty miles across woods and streams. They were too poor to own an automobile or even an old horse and buggy. So Grandpappy and Magnolia set off to walk every step of the way on foot.

Magnolia was very proud of her new shoes. She had never had a pair before. But she did not cover her bare brown toes with them. They were far too nice to wear out walking on them. Besides she could walk faster bare-footed. So she carried the new shoes dangling by their laces from her hand.

It took Grandpappy and Magnolia two days and nights to find the shining white schoolhouse. It was called Mather School. Magnolia was a lucky little girl for there just happened to be

one bed empty for her, one plate and cup and spoon waiting for a new pupil. She kissed Grandpappy goodbye and took the lovely white teacher's hand trustingly.

It was a new world to Magnolia. There were pretty curtains at the windows, rugs on the floors and pictures on the walls. She had never seen a table cloth before or anything but broken old china bowls to eat from. The teacher gave her a clean blue gingham dress and brushed her kinky hair with a real brush and comb. She had books and pencils of her own and a cunning little desk to sit at.

She learned to read and write and spell and add sums. She learned to make her bed, too, and sew new dresses for herself. The white teachers loved her about Jesus, and Magnolia cared for him very much because he cares for little girls, whether they are white or black.

Before long Magnolia began turning into a real flower like her name. She was clean and dainty in her pretty new frocks. Fresh soap and water made her smell sweet and fragrant. And gradually she began really to blossom. All kinds of lovely buds flowered to new life. Do you know what they are called? Gentleness and Humility and Loving-kindness and Generosity.

One day Magnolia made a gift to the Jesus whom she loved. Even the gifts of frankincense and myrrh which the Wise Men brought him when he was a tiny baby could not have pleased him more. For she gave him herself. She promised him: "I will go out to my own people. They are poor and ignorant and they do not know thee as they should."

Today Magnolia has blossomed into a hundred shining buds. For she is telling one hundred little colored boys and girls all the happy truths that Mather School taught her. There schoolhouse has only one room. There are no desks, no comfortable chairs, no blackboards, no maps. The children sit on long hard benches, their torn and ragged books in their laps.

But Magnolia smiles down on them with the very love of Jesus who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." And she has made that poor little schoolroom in very truth a small corner of the Kingdom of heaven.

—C. J. Wardell.



# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

## Northern Conference

### The Alberta-Saskatchewan Convention and Tri Union at the Golden Prairie Baptist Church

The Alberta-Saskatchewan Convention and Tri-Union convened from June 24 to 27 at the Golden Prairie Baptist Church. Though there was a great deal of business that needed to be transacted under the capable leadership of our moderator, Rev. E. Faul, it was completed rapidly and successfully. Thus, we were also privileged to be led upon the green pastures where our souls could spend refreshing and restorative moments.

Two of the guest speakers were unable to attend and therefore the greater burden fell upon Prof. A. Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., who volunteered to substitute for the absentees. Repeatedly favorable remarks could be heard about the Convention and Tri-Union in general, but specifically about the fine and inspiring messages of our seminary professor.

The reports from the various churches in regard to their Sunday School, young people's and church work showed that there was some progress in the past year. However, it was remarkable that almost every church felt the need of greater efforts in the coming year.

If this has honestly and sincerely become the burden of our people, then with the help of God and the faithful and loyal devotion of our newly elected officers, together with the help of our pastors, this year must become a year of great blessings.

Isador Faszer, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Elsmere, Del., With Fifty-seven Children

The First Baptist Church of Elsmere, Delaware held a Vacation Bible School from June 14 to 25, which proved to be a fine success. The Flannelgraph studies on the life of Christ, together with Scripture memorization, handcraft, choruses and games interested the children. The total enrollment was 57, besides seven teachers. On Sunday evening, June 27, a special recognition service was held which was well attended. This service was mostly in the hands of the scholars, and at the close a fine display of the handcraft work was shown. Seventeen of the scholars took a stand for Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Christian Peters, Pastor.



The Rev. Fred Mashner of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan and Eight Young People Whom He Recently Baptized.

### Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Liberty Street Baptist Church, Meriden, Connecticut

The days of June 4 to 6 will linger long in the memory of members of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., as days of inspiration and fellowship. We were privileged to have four former pastors present at our 75th birthday celebration. The Reverends Frank H. Woyke, Alex H. Elsesser, Gus E. Friedenber, and Paul G. Schade made their contributions to the success of our anniversary. The reminiscences by former pastors brought many smiles to our faces, but some of the sad expressions of life brought out the tears. The picnic which was planned for Saturday afternoon could not be held because of the heavy rain.

The Sunday services were well attended and proved to be a great blessing to all. Rev. Alex Elsesser of Dayton, Ohio brought the communion meditation on "Facing Life's Altars." The morning service was brought to a fitting close with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Frank H. Woyke spoke to a crowded church in the evening on "The Task of the Church." At the close of the service all former pastors, their wives, and pastors' widows formed a receiving line to greet all friends and members of the church. A delightful hour of fellowship was held in the church basement to bring these days to a fitting close.

It was a great privilege to review the events of the past, but since we know that Christ's Kingdom cannot be built by resting on the laurels of the past, we were inspired anew to witness and to sacrifice for his great cause. It is our prayer that we may not be lacking in missionary zeal and sacrificial endeavor! May the days ahead be as adventurous and glorious as the days of the past!

Lydia Stockburger, Reporter.

### Annual Ministers' Retreat of Atlantic Conference is Held at Bradley Beach, New Jersey

Once again "the Loyal Legion," the ministers of the Atlantic Conference, trained its sights on Bradley Beach, New Jersey for the annual retreat. Weeks before, there was that intensive study on the part of those who were on the program, so that their presentations might be up to the "high water mark" of pristine excellence that is a feature of each year's work. June 21st dawned cloudy, but "the Old Reliable" clicked off the miles, as cars headed toward the shore. The nearer we got to Bradley Beach, the better the weather became, so that the sun was out in all its glory when we finally arrived.

Our program was centered on the Epistle of James. Rev. H. G. Kuhl's message on "Who Was James and To Whom Did He Write?" was the starting number on Monday evening.

Our moderator was our genial friend, Rev. John Schmidt, who was ready for all emergencies. He led us in devotions to begin Tuesday morning. Rev. Christian Peters brought a paper on "Patience in Affliction." Rev. Victor J. Hammond followed with a message on "The Prayer for Wisdom." In the evening, Rev. Thomas Rowell preached on "The Woman in the Sun."

Rev. John F. Niebuhr was the devotional leader on Wednesday morning. Rev. William Kahlert showed the place of "Faith and Works in the Plan of Salvation." Rev. Frank Orthner followed with a message on "Pure Religion." Rev. Gustav Schmidt spoke on "The Tongue" in the evening.

On Thursday morning summer arrived in full strength and with the promise of a wonderful day. Our devotional leader was Mrs. Wm. Swyter, who spoke on "Our Daily Blessings." Rev. Frank Orthner had a double-barreled assignment, bringing both messages for the morning. He spoke on "Wars" in the first, and on "The Anointing" in the second, with lively discussion following.

Because some found it necessary to leave, the usual business session was held on Thursday morning, following the last paper. The brethren of the southern end of the Atlantic Conference were appointed as the Program Committee for 1949, with Rev. Christian Peters to act as chairman. Rev. Thomas Rowell preached on "The Imminent Coming of the Lord" in his enthusiastic way in the evening.

On Friday morning, our elder statesman, Rev. Julius Kaaz, led us in devotions. The new pastor of Second German Church in Union City, Rev. Norman Klann, brought a message on "The Rich and the Poor in the World," which also evoked a lively discussion.

H. G. Kuhl, Reporter.

### Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., Holds Farewell Services With Its Pastor, Rev. W. J. Appel

In an atmosphere of sadness over their great loss, yet sustained by the firm conviction that the will of God was being achieved, the members and friends of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York met on Friday evening, June 4, to honor the memorable occasion of farewell to their beloved pastor, the Rev. William Judson Appel. For the past nine years the Evergreen Church has been singularly blessed in having Pastor Appel as its able leader and good shepherd. Not only did he represent our church with honor and dignity in all its affiliations, but his constant, warm friendliness and sincerity have been an outstanding proof of his Christian character and spirit. It is with a feeling of deep regret that we bid him farewell, and say with Paul, "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you" (2 Cor. 13:11).

On Sunday evening, June 6, the members and friends of the church again met, this occasion being the church's farewell communion service with its pastor. The meeting was begun with a song service led by Paul Appel, who had just returned home from our North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, where he is faithfully pursuing his studies to follow in the footsteps of his father. After the customary announcements and a solo, "Consider the Lilies of the Field," sung by Grace Appel, the pastor asked the deacons and trustees to join him about the communion table. The message which was then delivered concerned Philippians 4, in which the stressed particularly the 8th verse. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." In conclusion the pastor commended his congregation to God and to his perfect grace in Jesus Christ, and asked that we give ourselves with new devotion, love and zeal to Christ whose sacrifice on Calvary we commemorated anew as we gathered about the communion table.

After a prayer by the pastor, the trio of the Evergreen Church, consisting of Grace Appel, Helen Appel and Gloria England Smith, sang, at the pastor's request, one of his favorite hymns, "Near to the Heart of God". After the breaking of bread, Mr. Edwin Marklein offered words of appreciation to the pastor for all he has done for our church, and expressed our deep feeling of loss at his going. At the close of the service, everyone present shook hands with our pastor and wished him the continued blessing of the Lord in his new field of endeavor as associate pastor with Dr. Norman W. Paullin at the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, Pa.

Betty Reinhold, Reporter.



Members of the Boards of Deacons and Trustees of the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., With Their Pastor, Rev. W. J. Appel, as He Conducted His Farewell Communion Service With the Church.

## Northwestern Conference

### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. William Jeschke by the Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

Members of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa and a large group of visitors from the Elgin Baptist Church gathered at the local church on the evening of June 27 to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. William Jeschke and their family to their new charge.

Mr. M. Zurbriggan presided over the program which included welcoming addresses by officials of the church and its organizations. Mr. Ben Baumgartner brought greetings from the Elgin "Mother" church, and the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, interim-pastor, on behalf of the denomination. Anthems were sung by the Elgin and Sumner choirs, and especially written songs by the congregation.

After the responses by the new pastor and his wife, the Rev. Paul Zoschke, former Elgin pastor and present minister of the White Ave. Church in Cleveland, Ohio, led in the closing prayer. Refreshments were served after the close of the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeschke and son are the first pastor's family to assume leadership of the First Baptist Church of Sumner since the church recently became independent. Though the group is small in number, the prospects are bright and challenging. We trust that under the new leadership that God has given us we shall move forward to do great things for the glory of his name on this promising field.

Mrs. Pauline Potratz, Church Clerk.

## ANSWERS TO WORD PUZZLES

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| 1. God  | 8. Bush   | 15. Peace  |
| 2. Ark  | 9. Tent   | 16. Angels |
| 3. Two  | 10. Amen  | 17. Basket |
| 4. Pit  | 11. River | 18. Manger |
| 5. Coat | 12. Lions | 19. Jordan |
| 6. Cows | 13. Giant | 20. Twelve |
| 7. Corn | 14. Cross |            |

### Farewell Service, Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service at La Crosse, Wis.

The Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wisconsin had a very busy week during the fourth week of June. We have so much to be truly thankful for, and still we are very sad in that we have had to say "Farewell" to our beloved pastor and friend, Rev. M. Vanderbeck, who served us so faithfully. The week with its Vacation Bible School and its fine, unique program on Friday evening was certainly a tribute to the fine cooperation of the teachers with their leader, Rev. M. Vanderbeck. All of the boys and girls were seated on an improvised platform representing the D. V. B. S. Gospel Ship. Each class represented different ranks on a ship. The Ship was not without music as the Beginners Class furnished music with their rhythm band. Over three thousand Bible verses were memorized by the group this year.

On Thursday evening after the regular prayer meeting, which was the last of the prayer services for Mr. Vanderbeck, a large group gathered at the parsonage where a time of fellowship was experienced. Although this hour was planned to be a joyous occasion, the hearts of all were sad realizing that soon we were to lose one who had become so much a part of us. The crowning hour of the week was the Lord's Day when large audiences gathered for both the morning and evening services.

However, the evening service was a glorious service for the Lord. We were happy when in the closing hour of the pastor's ministry seven persons put on the uniform of God and were baptized and another four united with us upon confession of their faith. The hand of fellowship was given to them and communion was served.

What is our loss is the gain of the church to which he goes in Sheboygan, Wisconsin and we know that God will bless him there in a mighty way for his own glory and honor.

Mrs. Walter M. Samb, Reporter.



## Dakota Conference

### Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Convention at the Washburn Baptist Church

The 1948 Northern North Dakota Convention opened at Washburn, No. Dak., on Thursday evening, June 17. The general theme of "Practical Lessons from the Book of Isaiah" furnished a rich field for the hours of devotions, Bible studies and messages given in both the English and German languages throughout the convention. The Rev. W. J. Luebeck was our guest speaker throughout Thursday and Friday, bringing the evening messages on those days, and also a message in the German language as a part of the Ladies' Missionary Union Program given on Friday afternoon.

Along with the business of the convention, Rev. Arthur Fischer was re-elected chairman; Rev. H. Hirsch, vice-chairman; Rev. Fred Schmidt, secretary; and Mr. Thomas Derman, treasurer.

In the opinion of this pastor (who cannot understand the German language), the highlights of the convention were the message on Saturday evening, "Ye Are My Witnesses," given by Rev. Daniel Klein, and the messages on Sunday morning and afternoon by our guest speaker, Prof. G. A. Lang of Rochester, New York.

M. Wesley Simonson, Reporter.

### Baptismal Service and Organizational Activities of the Grace Church, Grand Forks, No. Dak.

The Dorcas Club of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota is an organization of the younger women of the church. It is usually referred to as a "Sewing Club," but it has done much more than merely mend socks and embroider dish towels. The proceeds of a shadow social helped us in going over the top of our building fund goal at the end of the fiscal year. A basket social netted a big purse which is now being used to purchase kitchen utensils and when the church is complete there will be many more items which we can help obtain.

The Ladies' Missionary Society held



Members of the Dorcas Club of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

its anniversary program on May 25. The program of musical numbers and readings was highlighted by a message from Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionary in the Cameroons.

We certainly consider ourselves greatly blessed by having had the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, furloughed missionaries from the Cameroons of Africa, with us these past months. They no longer remain as two more missionaries carrying on the great work over there, but now are friends of ours whom we will assist with our prayer and tithes.

A very impressive baptismal service was conducted in the church on Sunday, June 6. On confession of their faith in Christ, five candidates were baptized and became members of the church.

A new organization sponsored by the church is a Boy Scout Troop. The troop of boys has for its leader Emanuel "Manny" Wolff, who returned for the summer from our Rochester Seminary. The assistant leader is Joe Werre, Jr. A scout troop is a worthy organization, but when sponsored by a church it should do much more to enrich the lives of the boys.

Mrs. Orville Feickert, Reporter.

### Sixty Children at the Vacation Bible School Held at Underwood, North Dakota

The days of May 31 to June 11 were most eventful for the boys and girls of Underwood, No. Dak. The reason for this was that the First Baptist Church

conducted a Vacation Bible School. By the time the school started, there was a staff of ten teachers on hand to take over the teaching and supervising duties. The following are the departments with the respective teachers: Beginners, Mrs. E. Blatchford, Mrs. F. Knalson, Miss E. Grueniech, Miss L. Kneppelberg, Mrs. C. Gardner, of Riverdale; Primary, Mrs. Arthur Saylor, Miss D. Schuh, and Mrs. A. Bauch; Juniors, Miss E. Keller and Rev. F. Knalson.

The enrollment of the school reached 60 and we were happy to have 13 Beginners with us from the nearby government town of Riverdale. They were brought to school daily by church members and the pastor. Of the 60 enrolled, 25 had perfect attendance records. During the two weeks of school the boys and girls gave \$24.58 to missions. Some of this was designated for Miss Leona Ross, our China missionary, and some for the Christian Service Plan, so that other boys and girls could hear about Christ as we did. We were happy to see a number of Juniors accept Christ during our Bible School.

On the last day of school a picnic was planned for the children. We say, "planned," because on that day it rained and we had to remain indoors for our picnic. In spite of the rain, all the children had a good time eating the meal prepared for them by the ladies of the church and then playing some indoor games. On Sunday evening, July 13, a demonstration program was given by the children for the parents to witness. All the boys and girls were presented with attendance certificates and each Primary and Junior child was presented with a Gideon New Testament by the Bismarck Gideons.

Mrs. Ella Saylor, Reporter.

## Southern Conference

### Vacation Bible School and Scripture Memory Program at Central Church, Waco, Texas

A very fine spirit prevailed throughout the days of June 8 to 18 at the Vacation Bible School held at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas. Sixty-eight children were enrolled with an average attendance of 58. An exciting event started the school off to a good beginning as the boys and girls participated in a city wide parade on June 5th. On June 20th the school held its commencement exercises and presented a fine exhibition of the work that had been done. Mrs. Roy Seibel, our pastor's wife, did splendid work as superintendent of the school.

Ten of the students of our Sunday School have completed their assigned Scripture memorization work and were given awards on June 20th. Recognition went to Joyce Wilhite, Dorothy Neiderer, Janice Seibel, Laverne Gummelt, Lois Jean Gummelt, Albert Neiderer, Christian Hansen, Jr., Mary Lou Hoeffner, Vernon Gossen and Gleenwood Arnold.

Mrs. Lawrence Kraemer, Reporter.

### Dedication of the Relocated and Remodeled Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas

The dedication of the enlarged and renovated building of the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas was held on Sunday, July 6, with the Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas as guest speaker. Instrumental numbers were rendered by Mrs. K. W. Townsend, Mrs. Roy Seibel and a trio composed of Mrs. L. Terveen, Joann Brown and Eunice Terveen. The dedicatory prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Mulder.

Mr. Lawrence Terveen read the church's history from which a few highlights can be cited. In the year 1919 three Baptist families moved from South Dakota to the Rio Grande Valley of Texas and settled in the neighborhood about four miles north of Donna. They were visited by the Rev. A. Becker from Denton, Texas representing the North American Baptist Conference, and meetings were held at various homes. Other families followed and settled in the Valley. The church was organized on January 16, 1928 with 18 charter members. The church building which cost about \$1000 was first used on February 15, 1928.

In 1946 it was decided to move the building to Donna and a plot of ground was purchased at the corner of Fifth Street and Scokey Avenue, which is the present location of the church. It was also decided to enlarge the building to give adequate space for Sunday School rooms. The name of the organization was changed to the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna. The moving of the church building encountered many difficulties but with the Lord's guidance it was finally successful. Then the remodeling and enlargement program began. The results can be seen in the accompanying picture. At present the church owes \$3800 on the new building which, as we trust by the help of God, will soon be paid.

The present pastor, the Rev. R. C. Mulder, served the church for several months in 1944 before going to a Bible School for further studies. Then in the summer of 1945 he returned with his family and has served the church as full time pastor ever since. Our aim as a church is to be living testimonies for Christ, that only the true Word of God shall be preached in this building, that souls might be spiritually fed and that the lost may be led to know Christ as Savior.

R. C. Mulder, Pastor.

## Pacific Conference

### News of Vacation Bible School and Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke's Condition, Elk Grove, Calif.

The family of the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., members of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., are very appreciative of the many thoughtful expressions and greetings conveyed to them from time



The Enlarged and Renovated Building of the Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas.

to time. It is now two years that this servant of the Lord has been afflicted with this ailment. While Brother Wuttke has shown considerable improvement during that time, he is still unable to walk and unable to make himself understood. Now, that it is pleasantly warm, he spends many hours of the day outside under the shade of their beautiful trees. The hardship and the strain of this affliction often rests heavily upon the family, but Sister Wuttke and their daughters, Naomi and Theodora, are doing everything in their power to make the lot of Brother Wuttke most pleasant. As their pastor, I would commend them to the continued intercession of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

From June 7 to 11 we conducted a very fine Vacation Bible School. Because of conflicting activities, we could give only one week to this school. We had 98 children and teachers enrolled, which means almost twice the number we had last year. The average attendance for the week was 88 and the daily mission offerings amounted to \$23.29. Miss Henrietta Schmidt served as our director and as teacher of one of our Junior classes. Others who taught were Miss Christine Fessler, Mrs. W. W. Knauf, Mrs. Edwin Schuh, Mrs. J. Fizer, Mrs. Lora Mantz, Marjorie Meyer and the pastor. Helpers were Mrs. P. Kammerer, Margaret Meyer and Phyllis Knauf, the latter also serving as pianist.

On the occasion of the pastor's birthday, the church had a surprise for him which really was a surprise. One of the members managed to keep him home that night and after the surprise birthday song, they ushered him into the church where after a number of short speeches a fine purse was presented to the pastor, and the evening was spent in sweet Christian fellowship. At the close, ice cream and cake were served by the women of the church.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor.

## NOTICE!

Several reports have had to be held over until Sept. 1, 1948 for publication. EDITOR.

## Southwestern Conference

### Seventieth Anniversary of the Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas, With Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Speaker

The First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas celebrated its 70th anniversary on Sunday, June 27, with Dr. Wm. Kuhn, assistant executive secretary as guest speaker. His messages were challenging and inspiring. The music in the morning was given by the Ladies' Chorus, Mrs. Edw. Staebler directing and Mrs. E. D. Meacham at the organ. In the evening Carol Schmidt was at the organ and Roxanna Kohrs played a piano solo.

On June 22, 1878 a small group of believers met and organized the First Baptist Church of Green Garden which is now the First Baptist Church of Lorraine. The first building was of native stone. By 1893 the building had become too small, so it was voted to erect a larger edifice. That same year a frame building was dedicated; a pipe organ was installed in this building in 1902; and in 1909 a bell hung in the tower. It is this same bell that hangs in our present edifice, which was dedicated on Nov. 18, 1937. Eleven pastors have served during these 70 years with Rev. Fred G. Ferris being the present pastor. The congregation has grown from the original 25 members to almost 400.

In our present building a pipe organ, chimes and amplifier have been added, also a fine library with over 2200 books. A plot west of the church was planted into trees, shrubs and flowers under the direction of the Dorcas Society and is now a popular spot for picnics. North of the church is the recreation park with tennis, croquet and shuffleboard courts, a gathering place for the young people.

As we look back over the years, we can indeed echo what Dr. Kuhn brought out in his sermon of the morning: "The Lord has done far more than we can ask or think". May we be as faithful as our pioneer mothers and fathers, and rely only upon our Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter.



Children and Teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Underwood, North Dakota With the Rev. Fred J. Knalson, Right.



### Evangelistic Services, Baptism and Vacation Bible School at Ebenezer Church, Shattuck, Okla.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma wishes to thank the Lord for the abundance of his blessings, of which we want to mention a few in this report.

First of all, we were highly honored to have two of our couples observe their golden wedding anniversaries. Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Longhofer observed this anniversary on March 27 to which the church was invited. The program took place in the church after which the reception was held at the home of one of the sons. On May 1 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schoenhals observed their fiftieth anniversary of married life with their children. May the blessing of God attend these loved ones of his!

From May 2 to 6 our denominational evangelist, Rev. Herman Palfenier, conducted special meetings in our midst. The blessing of God was upon him, his messages, and upon us all. One person accepted Christ as Savior. However, God's blessing was manifested among his children in a special way. Mr. Palfenier's messages were directed mainly at Christians; and one which proved to be especially blessed to us all was entitled, "Let My People Go." When the altar call was given almost the entire church responded. May this consecration prove to be thorough and abiding!

On Sunday, June 6, the pastor, Rev. Frank Armbruster, had the joy of baptizing eight persons in the open waters before a good-sized crowd. In the evening the hand of fellowship was extended to nine persons after which the Lord's Supper was observed.

From June 7 to 13 we conducted our Vacation Bible School. The enrollment was 44 with almost all the pupils attending regularly. Several brethren helped to bring the children and take them home afterwards. On Sunday evening the program was presented, and those present stated it was one of the best Bible School programs they had seen or heard. We praise God for being able to minister to the children in this way.

Frank Armbruster, Pastor.

### Central Conference

### Unusual Spiritual Blessings Recently Received by Chicago's First German Baptist Church

Vacation time is here, but our hearts at the First German Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, are still filled with the memory of spiritual blessings received.

Outstanding was the Youth For Christ Rally at our church on Sunday, May 30th, with Mr. T. W. Wilson, vice-president of Youth for Christ International, as speaker.

Special music was rendered by our mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz, a children's chorus of the Eden Evangelical Church under the direction of Mrs. Walter Pankratz,



Rev. Frank Armbruster (Center) of Shattuck, Oklahoma and Eight Converts Whom He Recently Baptized on Confession of Their Faith in Christ.

and a brass duet by students of Wheaton College. Mr. Wilson related his experiences during his recent visit in Germany, challenging us to help materially and spiritually.

Following the invitation four young people dedicated their lives for full time service to the Master, and eight others accepted our precious Lord as their personal Savior.

On Sunday morning, June 20th, we rejoiced to see three young men follow the Lord in baptism. In the evening during the communion service the hand of fellowship was extended to these and two others by our pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber. After this service we joined with other Chicago churches for a singspiration at the Immanuel Church. The knowledge of belonging together and all belonging to ONE LORD inspired joyful singing and testimonies.

We enjoyed listening to the lovely voices of Miss Edna Young, Miss Betty White and Miss Joyce Pankratz, all the more lovely because they are dedicated to the Lord. Mr. Kurt Kaiser was at the piano, delighting an appreciative audience with his music, and the Gospel Messengers of the Moody Bible Institute, who had beautified our own church service earlier, contributed a major part to the enjoyment of this occasion, with their numerous instrumental and vocal selections.

Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

### Eastern Conference at Killaloe, Ontario, August 25 to 29.

The session of the Eastern Conference and the 25th anniversary of the Calvary Baptist Church at Killaloe, Ontario, Canada will be held at Killaloe from August 25 to 29, 1948. All delegates to the conference and others wishing to extend congratulations to the church should write to the pastor immediately: Rev. Carl Weisser, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada.

### Eastern Conference

#### Dedication of Sunday School Room by the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Penna.

For a long while the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., felt the need of a Sunday School room. Under the leadership of Mr. Albert Hein, who is a carpenter and member of the church, the foundation was laid for the building of a room 20 by 28 feet. Due to the lack of building material, it required more time than originally planned two years ago. But nevertheless the building is now finished and was dedicated free of debt to the Lord on Sunday, June 20.

The Rev. Louis B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the guest speaker on this dedication Sunday. In the morning service he offered the dedicatory prayer and also brought the message for this occasion. In the evening service he delivered a timely and inspirational sermon. In both services the young people served with songs and music.

The chairs and the piano for this room are a gift of some friends of the church. All the labor was donated by the members, friends and the pastor of the church. We are grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ and all the friends who have had a part in this building.

George W. Zinz, Sr., Pastor.

#### "My Cup Runneth Over With Joy"

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sionaries were introduced. The youngest missionary, Larry Goodman, certainly received the greatest response. As he gave his simple testimony everyone seemed to break out in smiles of understanding and appreciation.

#### OUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY

The closing of the morning service did not mark the end of the festivities. All the choirs lined up in formation and marched and sang in the hot mid-day sun. Each group sang a different tune, and yet there was harmony in it all. One was reminded that although our Christian family is made up of so many different types of people, yet there is a certain harmony that pervades our work as we seek to win others for Christ and glorify our God.

And so the festivities ended as they had begun — with great rejoicing! There was gladness in the hearts of the Hendersons who have worked faithfully with these people over a year, as they could see some of the fruits of their labor. The new missionaries experienced the joy of becoming a part of a great and challenging work where "the Lord is our strength and shield and we will trust in him and be helped."

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. AMELIA BARTELS of Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. Amelia Bartels, nee Fielitz, of Dayton, Ohio was called to her eternal home on Monday, May 17, 1948.

Mrs. Bartels was born in Dayton, and while still a young girl followed her Lord and Savior through the waters of baptism, becoming a member of the Fourth Street Baptist Church. She joined this church two years after its founding 65 years ago. All through her life, until this last year when progressing ill-health laid its restrictive hand upon her, she was active in church and community affairs, showing a special interest in missions.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, and four daughters, Mrs. Charlotte Hughes, Mrs. Irene Graham, Mrs. Irene Shaner, and Mrs. Helen Butterbaugh. Funeral services were held on May 19th with the Rev. Alex H. Elsesser officiating. The many beautiful flowers sent by friends bore a silent witness to the beauty of her life. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . . their works do follow them." Dayton, Ohio

Alex H. Elsesser, Pastor.

#### MR. E. J. PRITZKAU of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. E. J. Pritzkau of Avon, South Dakota was born on March 9, 1890, the son of John and Katherine Pritzkau, at Avon, and died at the Sacred Heart Hospital at Yankton, So. Dak., on July 10, 1948 at the age of 58 years, 4 months and one day. On February 28, 1912 he was united in marriage to Miss Gertie Van Dusen. The Lord blessed their happy union with four children, three of whom are living. The youngest, a son, preceded him in death.

He came to know Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., on May 21, 1933 by the Rev. Benjamin Schlipf. Brother Pritzkau leaves to mourn his demise: his beloved wife; one son, Nathan Pritzkau; two daughters, Mrs. Lester Lorenz and Mrs. Robert Hieb; two sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law; five grandchildren, all of Avon, So. Dak.; two brothers, Henry of Rapid City, So. Dak., and Jake of Avon, So. Dak.; two sisters, Mrs. Rose Hebrer and Mrs. Rudolph Berndt, both of Avon, So. Dak.; a large host of other relatives and friends, as well as his church.

Brother Pritzkau was a loving and devoted husband, an understanding and sympathetic father, a man whom all loved to meet.

First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota  
P. Geissler, Pastor.

#### MRS. ADOLPH ORTHNER of Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Gunda Orthner of Detroit, Michigan was born in Steinke, Germany on September 23, 1882, the daughter of Dora and August Meyer. At the age of ten, she accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized by the Rev. D. Mundhenk, pastor of the Steinke Baptist Church. She came to this country in the year 1906 and made her home in Detroit, Mich., and took up membership in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of which the Rev. Appel was pastor.

It was in this church that she met Adolph Orthner, at that time a student in our Seminary at Rochester, New York. They became engaged in the year 1910. Shortly thereafter she began her work in the mission fields of the Cameroons, West Africa. Six months later Rev. Adolph Orthner followed her to the Cameroons where they were united in holy matrimony in June 1911 by the Rev. Carl J. Bender.

Their marriage was blessed with four children. The first one, Palmer Rudy, was born in Duala, Cameroons on March 24, 1912. They returned to this country in the Fall of 1913. They made their home in Detroit where she remained when her husband returned to Africa shortly before the arrival of their second child, Wilmer Roland, born on April 7, 1914.

After her husband's return they accepted the call to the German Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma where the third son, Colmar, was born on March 25, 1917. In 1920 they were called to the church at Sheffield, Iowa, where the fourth son, Gordon, was born on October 10, 1920. The remaining years of her life were spent in faithful service of her Lord, both in Bay City and Detroit, Michigan.

On June 10, 1947 her husband preceded her to his heavenly Home. One year and two days later she too went home to be with her heavenly Father. Surviving are four sons, six grandchildren, four sisters, two brothers and a host of friends.

Burns Ave. Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

H. P. Kayser, Reporter.

#### MR. ADAM RODACKER of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. Adam Rodacker was born on Oct. 5, 1860 in Bessarabia, Russia. On coming to this country he lived at first in Pleasant Valley, then in the Germantown community for many years and finally in Fessenden, No. Dak. For over fifty years he was a faithful member of the Germantown Baptist Church. Nothing gave him greater joy than to be in the fellowship of those who loved and served their Lord and Master joyfully and faithfully.

In all he attained the age of 87 years, 7 months and 28 days. On June 3rd he was taken from this life to his heavenly reward after an illness since the beginning of the year.

He married Maria Lutz in 1884. Ten children were born to the union. Two preceded their father in death. Surviving to mourn his passing are his widow; three daughters, Mrs. John Kuehn, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Forest Faust, Glasgo, Mont.; Mrs. Freda Nordquist, Fargo, No. Dak.; five sons, Edward of Portland, Ore.; Benjamin of Harvey, No. Dak.; Jake, William, and Thomas of Fessenden, No. Dak.; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and one brother, Matthew Rodacker of Fessenden.

Services were held on June 8th from the First Baptist Church at Fessenden, No. Dak. and interment was made at the Germantown Cemetery. Undersigned and Rev. Daniel Klein were in charge of the services. The many present showed the esteem in which he was held.

Fessenden, North Dakota

Otto R. Schmidt, Pastor.

#### MRS. MARTHA MIELITZ of Big Stone, South Dakota.

Mrs. Martha Mielitz, nee Timm, was born on Oct. 22, 1876 in LeRoy, Wis. In 1890 she came with her parents to Big Stone, So. Dak., where she lived the rest of her years. In 1894 she united in marriage with Carl Mielitz. This happy union was blessed with six children. When she was 15 years of age she was converted, and then she was baptized by Rev. L. Wiesel and added to the Big Stone Baptist Church. She remained a true and faithful child of God and lived an exemplary life. Sister Mielitz was one of the quiet mothers in Israel.

Hospitality was characteristic of her, and preachers and their families loved to visit in her home. Hardly two months after her husband's death she went to be with him and her blessed Savior. On Sunday forenoon, June 27, she fell asleep in her home. Her sudden passing was a severe shock to her family. Mrs. Mielitz is mourned by her children: Esther, Mrs. Arthur Giese, Appleton, Minn.; John, William, Albert Myrtle, and Irma, all of Big Stone, So. Dak.; four grandchildren, many relatives and a host of friends.

The following pastors besides the undersigned were also present and had a part in the funeral service at the home and in the chapel at Ortonville, Minn. — Rev. Rudolph Klein of Aberdeen, So. Dak., Rev. Elmer Gutsche, Corona, So. Dak., and Rev. Elmer Buehner, Holloway, Minn. The mixed quartet of the Baptist church of Corona assisted with singing. We sought words of comfort from Phil. 1:21.

Big Stone, So. Dak.

H. Hirsch, Pastor at Goodrich, No. Dak.

#### MR. WILLIAM DOHN of Vida, Montana.

Mr. William Dohn of Vida, Montana was born on Nov. 2, 1879 at Johannestal, South Russia and died on June 22, 1948 at the age of 69 years, 7 months and 22 days. He was taken from this world suddenly when he fell beneath the wheel of his moving tractor.

At the age of ten years Mr. Dohn came to this country with his parents who settled near Venturia, North Dakota, where our deceased brother grew to manhood. In 1920 he moved to Wishek, North Dakota to live there with his family until 1932 when they moved to the Vida, Montana community where he lived until his death.

In 1902 he was united in marriage to Carolina Strobel of Venturia, North Dakota. To this union five children were born, of whom one died in early youth.

In 1903 he was converted and baptized by Rev. D. Bishop and added to the Danzig Church, a station of the Wishek Baptist Church. Since moving to Montana in 1932 he was a faithful member of this church to his death, taking part in all its activities. He was also one of the charter members of this re-organized church.

Brother Dohn leaves to mourn his sudden departure: his sorrowing wife, Mrs. Carolina Dohn; and four children, Asaph of Mott, No. Dak., Aaron of Wolf Point, Montana, Mrs. Albert Reich of Nashua, Montana, and Mrs. Gary Buechler of Vida, Montana; three sisters, Mrs. Carolina Lutz, Artes, So. Dak., Mrs. Jackabana Kraenzler, Carbon, Alberta, Canada, and Mrs. Louise Lebtz, Leola, So. Dak.; three brothers, Christian, Carl and Robert, all of Venturia, No. Dak.; several grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who mourn his departure.

The large funeral service was conducted from the First Baptist Church of Presserville. Rev. Henry Lang spoke words of comfort using Phil. 1:21 as the text.

Wolf Point, Montana

Henry Lang, Pastor.

#### MR. JOHN FISCHER of Lodi, California.

Mr. John Fischer, a native of Southern Russia, was born on April 25, 1886. At the age of 18 years he came to America with his parents, where they made their homestead near Wilton, North Dakota. He was united in marriage to Rose Miller in 1910 at which time they made their homestead near Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

In his early youth he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and was baptized shortly thereafter by Rev. August Liebig, uniting with the Bethel Baptist Church near Washburn, North Dakota. After his conversion, he began work as Sunday School superintendent, teacher and youth worker. His enthusiasm of service for the Lord made him one of the laymen of Alta Church near Turtle Lake, North Dakota, of which he was a member for 21 years, then moving to McClusky where he became a member of the First Baptist Church serving there faithfully for 12 years.

For the past 1½ years, he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., coming to this state in 1946 because of poor health. All of his life he had been engaged in farming in the Dakotas, and it was due to his inability to carry on with his work that he resigned from farming hoping to regain physical strength. An extended illness over a period of two years made him weaker as time went on. On June 15, 1948 at 3:15 P. M. he departed very quietly.

He leaves to mourn his homegoing his wife, Rose; seven daughters and five sons, Lydia Neuharth, Chico; Ruth Delk, Lodi; Leonard and Milton, Lodi, Calif.; Edwin, Anoka, Minn.; Alma Peterson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Maria Hoerling and Irvan Fischer of Portland, Ore.; Florence Wahl, Valier, Montana; Ruby Stanford, Long View, Wash.; Elmer and Dorothy of Sioux Falls, So. Dak.; seven grandchildren; five brothers and two sisters: Andrew, Jake, Bill, Ed and Otto, Mrs. Fred Neumiller and Mrs. George Bettner.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of Lodi, and the body was laid to rest in Memorial Cherokee Park. Services were conducted by the Rev. Frank Lehman of Stockton and Rev. Paul Blossch, Lodi, California

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